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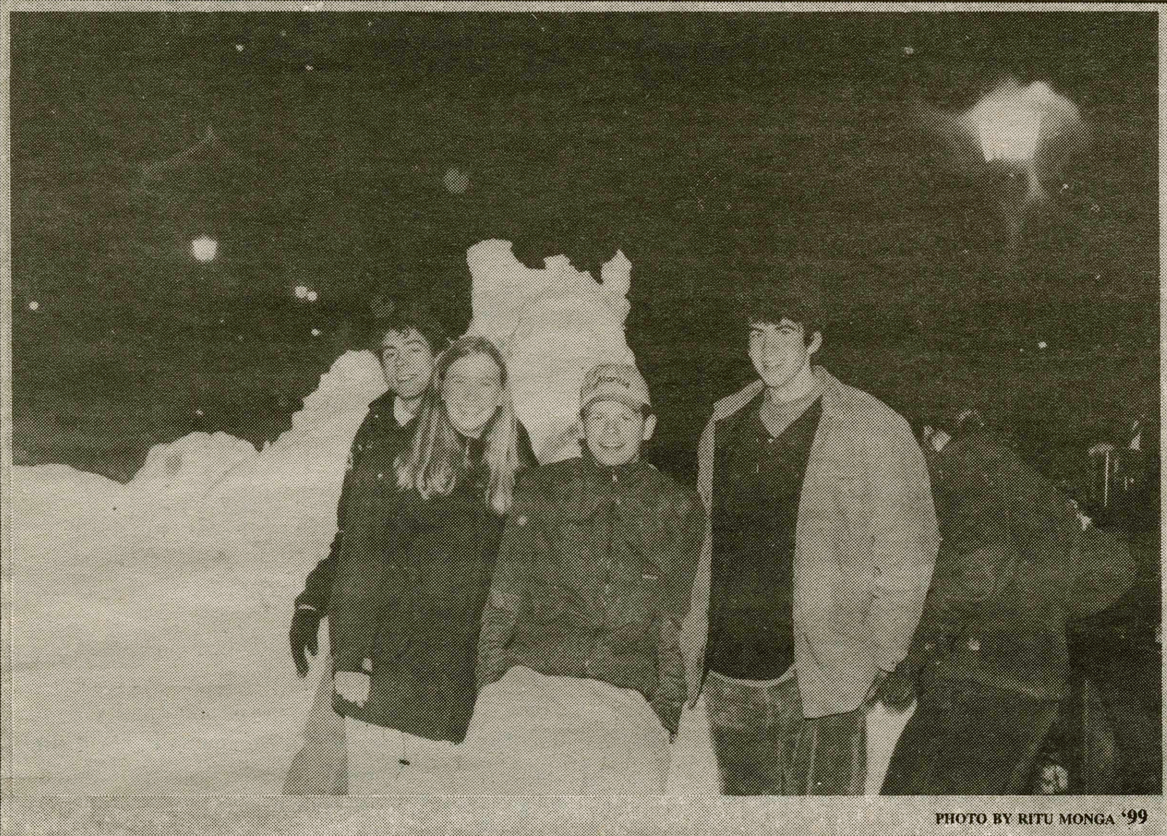

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Doran Robinson '97, Sara House '99, an unidentified Hamiltonian, Ian Howat '99 and Broxton Bird '99: creators of Hamilton's very own abominable snowman.

Study examines cause of overenrolled classes

BY SAM EVANS '00
NEWS EDITOR

Faced with a student population 5.1% larger than expected this spring, Hamilton's faculty and administration have been wrestling with the logistical problems caused by the College's increasing popularity among prospective students. Last year only 1,604 students were enrolled for the spring semester, compared with the 1,685 currently enrolled.

Although these numbers suggest that Hamilton's appeal is on the rise, thoughts of longer lines for course registration, fewer seats in popular classes, and makeshift housing are far less enticing. At present the worst hit sections are the Religious Studies Department, which is overbooked by 34 students, Government by 45, Economics by 33, Theater and Dance by 33, and Art by 57. In total, 355 students have exceeded the normal carrying capacities of 80 courses.

But Hamilton prides itself on providing a low student to faculty ratio, and many steps have been taken to assure this. As a result, many professors take class participation largely into account when grading, and large classes often hinder class discussion. Yet, contrary to what the data might suggest, some departments have actually capitalized on the swollen ranks.

Religious Studies Department Chair Stephenson Humphries-Brooks and Assistant Professor Richard Seager divided the extremely popular Apocalypse and Millenium class into two smaller sections. Sharing the teaching responsibilities, Brooks and Seager reformatted the class to incorporate student presentations much like those given by renowned scholars at major conventions.

"There's still a good bit of discussion," said Brooks. "You have to

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Moses reflects on return to Hamilton

BY MATT KANE '99
FEATURES EDITOR

Last Friday night Bob Moses returned to the Hill to speak in the Chapel. Moses came back to inform the Hamilton community about the math education project he founded to increase mathematical literacy among black students.

Through his co-workers at the Algebra Project in Cambridge, MA, The *Spectator* arranged a telephone interview with Dr. Moses. He spoke from a Mississippi elementary school math lab, where he educates the sons and daughters of the very people he brought to voter registration drives as a civil rights activist thirty years ago.

Moses reflected upon his experiences as a student at Hamilton, and the effects his college career has had on his civil rights activism and his pioneering work in minority math education.

When asked about the strides that Hamilton has made to diversify its student body, pointed out that he had not been following the changes that the college has been making in specific. He was however, struck by the much wider array of options that students now have in terms of course choices. He was pleased to see that many new areas of minority studies have been opened.

Moses further noted that the most obvious diversification of Hamilton was the admittance of women, both as students and faculty members. "I can't really remember there being any female professor in my time there," he recalled.

A recent trend in higher education that troubles Moses is the attack on affirmative action in college admissions. He is bothered by the popular argument that college admissions should be based solely on merit, rather than giving special consideration to minority applicants. "This country has never really had a meritocracy," he explained. He feels that this argument is a thinly veiled trace of the prejudice that still remains in the world of post-secondary education.

Moses lamented that this country has set up a system of primarily white institutions that makes it hard for young black Americans to break

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Sociology major examines barrio life

Pierce completes eleven-month South American journey

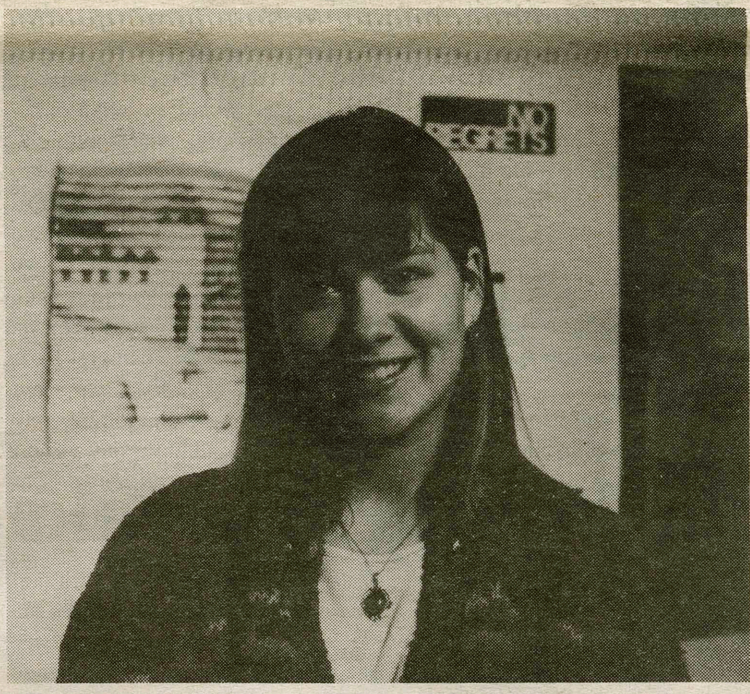
BY AARON ARMSTRONG '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Whoever accused our generation of apathy has not yet met Rebecca Pierce '97 and heard what she has had to say. Since June of 1995, Rebecca has spent over 11 months in South America working with and learning from indigent citizens in the local barrios, poor communities outside of the major cities. Her first three month stretch in Argentina working for a poverty organization initially was intended to improve her fluency of the Spanish language. Instead it changed her life.

The sociology major whose senior thesis is "the relationship between the religious faith between the people in the barrios and their survival on a daily basis" completed her year in South America this past year with eight months in Bogota, Colombia.

"I worked in a poor barrio, outside of the city, living with the people to do my thesis research," said Pierce of her experience. "I started off with the host family and I left them to go live in the barrio with another family."

As rough as it may have been by American standards, Pierce's time in South America was the most satisfying of her life. For eight straight months in Bogota, she had over a hundred flee bites over her body at all times, stomach problems and instead of the preferred pasta or steak for dinner, cow brains, Bar-B-Que intestines and chicken feet soup were served.



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Senior Rebecca Pierce, who braved the poverty and desolation of life in a South Amrican ghetto.

In addition, many Colombians resent the United States for various reasons. Danger was always a factor of her stay. "Everybody told me not to go because there are hired killers down there because of antagonistic feelings towards the States," said Pierce. "My life was worth $5. I had

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Fellows Program provides resources, links Hamiltonians past and present

By Ilko Menkov '00
News Staff Writer

The Alumni Fellows Program is a new undertaking currently in progress at the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center. The program offers a network of Hamilton alumni who are willing to share their professional experience with students and professors on the Hill.

The organizers have set a goal to bring the expertise of alumni and "make it available for students working on academic projects in the social sciences," said Scott Reynolds '97, one of the projects main organizers.

Last year, David Paris, James Sherman Professor of Political Science and associate dean of the faculty, came up with the idea that Hamilton alumni might be used as a valuable resource of information and experience. He then explained the idea to Gary Wyckoff, director of the Arthur Levitt Center.

Deciding to implement the program, Wyckoff and Paris hired Reynolds in June, 1996 to organize and develop the Alumni Fellow Program. Reynolds sent surveys to alumni and asked them to be a part of the evolving network.

Many alumni are willing to help, which proves that the idea of Hamilton community is very pervasive, according to Reynolds. President Eugene M. Tobin, faculty members and many of Hamilton's trustees grasped the idea readily. Hamilton is trying something new and interesting that can not only strengthen the sense of community, but may also become quite helpful to the students and faculty members, said Reynolds.

The Alumni Fellows Program can provide students with specialized information, as well as access to professional materials that may not be available through other information sources. Reynolds explained that the alumni can "act as outside evaluators of student work."

Many alumni agree to visit Hamilton to deliver lectures and speeches. Expert alumni experience can help professors with the subjects they teach, and seeing successful graduates will give students an incentive to develop various skills. Even if the alumni themselves are not experts on some issues, they can often find colleagues and acquaintances who might be willing to share their knowledge with Hamilton students.

Some students, such as Andrew Donehower '97, Marcus Johnson '97 and Hillary Mead '97, have already capitalized on the Alumni Fellows Program. Mead is writing her senior thesis on the World Bank's impact on international environmental policy. Jamie Koehler '81, director of the International Affairs Division of the Environmental Protection Agency, provided for Mead's research materials unavailable on the Hill. Samuel Talley '53, who is a consultant for the World Bank, has also provided important information for Mead's thesis. And this is only one example of how the Alumni Fellows can be helpful to the student body.

The organizers' goal is to allow all community members to benefit from and to get involved in the new program. They urge all students and faculty members interested in exploring the new opportunity to contact Gary Wyckoff (x4198), Sally Carman (x4451), or Scott Reynolds (x4486) and schedule an appointment at the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center.

Overcrowding explained

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be a little more certain that everybody interacts. I have to be a little sharper." The department took a liability and turned it into a benefit, he added confidently.

Art department Chair Deborah Pokinski, whose overall departmental enrollment is usually the highest in the college, was not even surprised by this semester's surge. In order to accommodate the demand for various Art courses, the department has provided two more introductory level courses: a third section of "Drawing," and an additional section of "Introduction to Sculpture."

"I think I can speak for all my colleagues when I say that we are willing to stretch enrollment limits when we can to accommodate student needs, but not to a point where we compromise the integrity or quality of our courses," said Pokinski.

But overcrowded classes have elicited different responses from some professors. "Pushing the limits of the course enrollment makes it difficult to do the things we do, mainly in terms of class discussions," said Government Department Chair Steve Orvis. Orvis maintained a positive outlook though, saying that generous professors have addressed the situation by slightly expanding their classes.

Despite the problems that have arose in providing students with all of the courses necessary for fulfilling a concentration requirement, adjustments to certain prerequisites have been made on an individual basis.

"In some ways I feel that we are doing a little extra work for the College to get the College out of a bind," said Brooks.

Many professors believe that the current problem is less important than the trend indicated by Hamilton's growing popularity. The class of 2000's admissions statistics quantify a class unsurpassed since 1989. Selectivity has increased by several percent, average SAT scores are up nearly 50 points, and faculty praise of the class of 2000 will certainly earn it a seat on the pedestal of Hamilton's greatest incoming classes.

We started last year with a goal of 480 students, but this year our goal is 450, according to Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Rit Fuller. "For a variety of reasons the College has become more attractive in the marketplace for prospective students."

It is clear that the burden of a temporarily overpopulated student body will fall on some undeserving shoulders, as popularity has its inherent drawbacks. Fortunately, Hamilton has the resources to capitalize on the influx of students. As the administration assesses the new matriculation trends, today's difficulties will eventually ensure Hamilton's strength in the future.

Commenting on the role of professors at Hamilton, Brooks said, "The thing that strums our heart strings is teaching. We're not in the business primarily to be administrators. Teaching is very much our first love."

Algebra Project founder Bob Moses assesses Hamilton's diversity, 1956-1996

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into society's upper echelons. In Moses' opinion the country has a responsibility to educate all of its citizens, and that is still has a way to go in fulfilling its obligation.

When asked if he could identify a particular aspect of his Hamilton education that benefited him in his work as an activist, Moses was quick to comment on Hamilton's emphasis on public speaking brought him. "Four years of presentations and other public speaking exercises was a real benefit for me. Once I got into the real world, I never had any trouble giving speeches, which was tremendous," he offered.

Moses' most interesting response came when asked how his college experience would have differed if he had attended Hamilton today rather then during the pre-civil rights movement era. Drawing an analogy between his college search and that of his children, he reflected, "I have two sons, and not one of them would have thought of choosing Hamilton. They have too wide an array of choices. Hamilton is too far removed from their experiences." Moses explained that after attending a predominately black and latino public school in Cambridge, neither he nor his sons would have ever thought of attending a school where more than 85% of the students were white.

When asked about his experience of returning to the Hill for only the fourth time since he graduated, Moses talked about visiting classrooms during the day of his speech. Noting the discrepancy with the supposed diversification of Hamilton, he was quick to point out that both of the classes he visited were all white. When asked if he had flash backs to the fifties when sitting as the only black man in a room full of whites, Moses chuckled warmly for the first time during our interview and explained that he didn't really note any discomfort, because, after all, that was his experience at Hamilton. Dr. Moses also fondly recalled his lunch with minority students at the Azel Backus House. He said the hour was filled with a strong dialogue in which the students did most of the talking. They related their experiences at Hamilton, and the troubles that they face as minority students in a predominately white environment.

Dr. Moses demonstrated that he was not the angry alumni that many assume him to be. All in all he is pleased with the developments that Hamilton and other similar colleges have made in the last forty years. However he is fearful of regression. He continues to fight on, redirecting his message to wherever it is needed most. Throughout his career he has sought to educate both whites and blacks, and will continue to do so as long as he is able.

The President speaks

Susan Greenspan '99
Yungjin Oh '98

Greetings from the Student Assembly. As your new President and Vice President of Student Assembly, we want to keep the Hamilton community informed with the decisions and actions which take place over the next year. Through these monthly articles, we hope you will become more acquainted with the efforts of the Assembly and as a result become more involved.

We are well aware of the mystery surrounding the tasks of Student Assembly. To bring you up to date, we are currently working on four project teams. The purpose of these project teams is to focus on specific areas of student concern and work to remedy them. One area of importance this semester is safety and security on Hamilton's campus. The project team is working on more lighting, access to DKE, Wally J, and Bundy, as well as improvements in removing snow and ice around campus.

Last semester there was a rumor of an all purpose Al-Ham card that would enable students to replace the hassle of money with the convenience of a card. Unfortunately, this change has not yet occurred. One of the project teams will focus on the implementation of the card.

Another area of concern is social issues which is the purpose of the third project team. These include: the pursuit of a social space; getting a copy machine for the use of student organizations to be located in the basement of Bristol; addressing the concerns which you bring to us throughout the semester; and finally, we are searching for ways to lower prices in the bookstore, change the inventory, and create a new system for buying back books.

These are our main goals for the semester, but we are always seeking new ideas or additions to our current plans. Please do not hesitate to contact us through email, campus mail, or telephone. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

HONOR COURT

There are two Honor Court positions open for the Spring 1997 semester:

One Class of 1997 representative
One Class of 1998 representative

Students interested in running for these positions should submit a 100 word platform to Mandy Locke via campus mail no later than 4 p.m., Friday, February 14, 1997.

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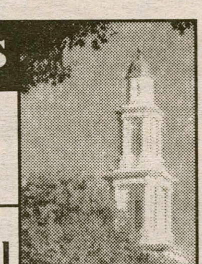

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

COMPILED BY AARON ARMSTRONG '00

Minot St. cagers visit local school in search for fans

In order to increase attendance and noise at Minot State men's and women's basketball games, players are going out to local elementary schools and handing out free passes to upcoming games. During a visit to Washington Elementary School recently, point guard Romone Neal and Alicia Olson of the men's and women's teams, respectively, handed out nearly 200 free passes to the students. Neal answered many questions, from his favorite places to eat to "Do you shave your head like Michael Jordan of the Bulls?"

"We can get some public relations going (for the team) by going out to the schools, telling (the kids) about the games," Neal said. The visits allow the players to see a different part of Minot's population that is not always available to college students.

"It is good for my future because I'm going to be a teacher," he said. "I like talking to them. They're good listeners." When asked about future visitors, third grade teacher Mrs. Petry said, "I welcome anybody, especially from the college. I think it was really good that they brought a player along. It means a lot more to them (the kids) if they can see someone that actually plays. Then they can go to the game and look for that player."

"I think the problem is that no one knows about the Beavers, really, except for a few who have parents who are students," Neal said. "This way they can come see a game, see if they like it or not. I think it not only helps the Beavers get more people there, but it's also going to help basketball in this town."

Auburn police make arrest in frat bombing

Auburn University Police arrested and charged a 23-year-old Auburn student Tuesday with arson in the first degree and possession of an explosive device in connection with a pipe bomb explosion which occurred Friday night at the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house.

Clayton Ritter Stark, a senior in marketing from Allen, Texas, was arrested after he told an AUPD official he made and exploded a pipe bomb in a third-floor bathroom of the fraternity house just before midnight Friday, University Police Chief Bill Nevin said. Nevin said Stark, a member of Auburn's chapter of Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI), told the police the bomb was filled with black powder and was about 1-foot long.

According to police reports the bomb completely destroyed one toilet and damaged another. The bathroom wall and some ceramic tiling was also reported damaged. AUPD estimates the damage to be about $1,500. No one was hurt in the explosion, which occurred while Beta was throwing an outdoor party. Jim Hardin, Intrafraternity Council adviser said Wednesday he does not think the incident was an attack by one fraternity on another.

"We've talked to both fraternity presidents and made sure everything is cool and that neither is going to do anything. There's no indication this was an organized attempt by FIJI against Beta," Hardin said.

If convicted, Stark could face up to life in prison and be fined up to $20,000 for arson. The charge of possession of an explosive device carries a sentence of no less than one year and one day and up to 10 years maximum.

Cal State-Long Beach student pioneers first flying car

Cal State University Long Beach has the honor of designing the first flying car to be seriously considered for the consumer market. Gunnar Clausen is a researcher from Berlin, Germany working on his "English and his Ph. D." The car raises up hydraulically a half-meter to prepare for takeoff, and all the flight components come out with the push of one button. The wings come out telescopically, and is prop driven, not turbine. As the plane/car comes up to takeoff speed the rear lowers to generate lift, according to Clausen.

Currently there are no major car or airplane corporations interested in production. But this could be an even greater boon to car companies because "it would be very convenient to have a flying car to be able to fly in anywhere, fold up the wings, and drive away, go back out to the airport, prepare for takeoff and go," said Clausen.

The aircar is designed for short hops between regional airports, like from Los Angeles at one of the municipal airports to Las Vegas, or San Francisco, "Which are long drives in cars, and short hops in airplanes. You spend a lot of money doing either. You have to go to the airport, check in a least an hour before, wait around, and in a car you get tired, and spend money on gas," Clausen elaborated.

WORLD NEWS

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Albania left in lurch by pyramid schemes

TIRANA, Albania - President Sali Berisha pledged on Tuesday to do his best to help impoverished Albanians who poured life savings into failed pyramid investment schemes, but said the government could not provide blank cheques or print money. Virtually every family in the country of 3.4 million committed funds to the schemes in the six years following the fall of eastern Europe's most repressive communist regime. The schemes failed, and yesterday the streets of Tirana were flooded by hapless depositors, enticed by the pyramid schemes' promises of fast, high returns, waiting for banks to offer the first partial refunds of trapped savings. Investors in one plan were to begin getting 60 percent of their stakes later in the day but by nightfall nobody had received any money. The situation in the city of Vlore was much more dramatic as some 20,000 Albanians desperate after the loss of their life savings laid siege to a police station, jostled with law and order forces and hurled stones at riot police. Police, who exchanged gunfire with the demonstrators during riots on Wednesday that left at least 10 people injured, held back Thursday as protestors chanted "we want our money" and "down with the government." Many Albanians have simply given up hope for ever regaining their money and are looking abroad for salvation. Locals report that the number of young men eager to flee grinding poverty in Albania and escape to nearby Italy and Greece has greatly increased since the start of the year when the infamous pyramids began to tumble. (Reuter)

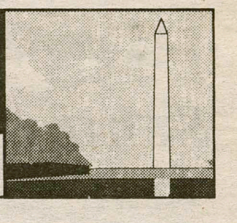
China tightens grip on media

BEIJING, China - Having vanquished its dissidents to labor camps or exile overseas, China's Communist Party is turning its attention to the media and the arts — circles suspected of harboring the politically incorrect. A shower of new, official guidelines for the media has come in recent weeks as the government seeks to promote President Jiang Zemin's "spiritual civilization" campaign. Censors have banned the works of popular novelist Wang Shuo. Tightened film laws have virtually wiped out a small independent film community. The Communist Party has sacked editors who strayed from the party line and closed down some publications as punishment. Furthermore, the official press has castigated world acclaimed film directors Zhang Yimou and Chen Kaige, accusing them of offering up the ugly aspects of Chinese culture to please foreign audiences. Analysts claim that the nationwide morality campaign is intended to clinch Jiang's preeminent political status ahead of a Communist Party congress this autumn that will set China's political lineup for the turn of the century. Others suggest that the recent actions reflect the Communist Party's craving to counter the steady erosion of its control over social and artistic life during 18 years of successful economic reforms. (Associated Press)

73 Israeli soldiers die in crash

SHAAR YISHUV, Israel - 73 Israeli soldiers were killed in a mid-air crash of two army helicopters on Tuesday night in the worst military air disaster in the Jewish state's history. Pilot error was determined to be the cause of the accident. The two helicopters, American-made Sikorsky CH-53 transporters, were each taking 37 soldiers, most of whom belonged to elite units, to Israel's self-declared south Lebanon occupation zone. In recent years the occupation zone has been the site of dozens of skirmishes between Israeli soldiers and Iran-backed Hezbollah guerillas. About 1,000 Israeli soldiers patrol a nine mile-wide occupation zone in south Lebanon carved out in 1985 to prevent guerrilla attacks on Israel's northern border. (Reuter)

NATIONAL NEWS



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Clinton delivers State of the Union, announces plans for second term

WASHINGTON, D.C. - President Clinton, declaring that Americans "want us to be partners, not partisans," challenged Congress in his State of the Union address Tuesday night to give the nation's schools a big spending increase while balancing the budget by 2002. Recycling popular ideas from his campaign, Clinton identified education as the top priority of his second term and said Americans should have "the best education in the world." He challenged communities to measure their students against national standards to lift achievement in math and science. The president's proposals would boost education spending by 20 percent, to $51 billion for fiscal 1998. The increase — including the cost of tax breaks for college — would total 40 percent by 2002. In a 60-minute speech, his tone was both conciliatory and challenging, calling for racial and political harmony but also pressuring Congress for action. He was interrupted by applause 69 times. Obliged by the Constitution to report to the nation on its health, Clinton said, "The state of our union is strong but now we must rise to the decisive moment, to make a nation and a world better than any we have ever known." (Associated Press)

Jury finds O.J. responsible for deaths of ex-wife, Ron Goldman

SANTA MONICA, Calif. - A civil jury found O.J. Simpson liable Tuesday for the slashing deaths of his ex-wife and her friend, a moral victory for grieving relatives who felt the football hero got away with murder. Now the jury will decide whether to punish Simpson by making him pay millions. Simpson's lawyers contend that their client is broke and therefore cannot pay even if he is held liable. The jury of six men and six women earlier on Tuesday listened to four hours of readings of crucial evidence in the case, including Simpson's testimony of his activities on the night his ex-wife and her friend were stabbed to death. Simpson was acquitted of the June 12, 1994, murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman by a criminal jury in October 1995. He then battled a wrongful-death lawsuit brought by the families of the victims and could be forced to pay millions of dollars in damages if he is found responsible for the murders. (Associated Press)

Madeleine Albright explores Jewish ancestry

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright says she has received "fairly compelling" information her family may have been of Jewish origin and that her father's parents died in the Auschwitz concentration camp. "I had never been told this," Albright said in an interview Monday. She called the information she has received since her nomination "a major surprise" and said she and her family were looking into it. Albright said her Czech parents became Roman Catholics early in the war and that she was "fairly religious," attending church regularly. "I never thought of myself as anything else," said Albright, who became an Episcopalian when she married and remains so today. President Clinton said the revelation will not affect Albright's role in Middle East peace talks, noting that Americans of Christian, Jewish and Muslim faith are involved in the peace process. He also noted that former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is Jewish. (Associated Press)

F-16s, airliner nearly collide

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (AP) Two F-16 fighter jets flew so close to a commercial airliner that alarms sounded and the pilot was forced to dive 4,000 feet, then climb sharply, tossing flight attendants and a passenger to the floor. The Air National Guard F-16s were on routine maneuvers in military airspace Wednesday when they spotted the airliner over the Atlantic and moved in to see what it was, said Lt. Col. John Dwyer, spokesman for the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. "They found an unidentified aircraft in the airspace and moved in to make identification," Dwyer told The Associated Press on Thursday, adding that the pilots followed proper procedures. But the encounter was far from routine for the Boeing 727 pilot, who thought a collision was imminent and followed the proximity alarm's instructions to make evasive maneuvers. "Our instrument indicated zero, zero, which means it was extremely close," Nations Air Chairman Mark McDonald told NBC. Air traffic controllers said the F-16s appeared to linger near the Boeing 727, traveling together at 500 mph at about 28,000 feet, the newspaper said. The encounter occurred in daylight but clouds made the fighters not visible to the civilian plane, according to controllers and McDonald.

Pierce experiences poverty in South America

Senior finds her true calling in the barrios of Colombia, Argentina

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to write a letter to release people of responsibility if I was killed or kidnapped," but Pierce added later "it was so worth it."

Pierce was quick to point out misguided stereotypes that are thrown at the people of Colombia. On the world stage, Colombia is labeled as a nation of drugs are warfare. In some respects, those labels do carry some validity, but they fall upon the wrong Colombians.

"People have this stereotype of Colombian people that they are drug people, full of violence," Pierce said. "The truth is it's the drug lords and the government of Colombia that is guilty of that, not the people. The people are so wonderful, they are so generous."

One example was that a Colombian family will spend half their days wages to buy you dinner as well as hand wash all of their sheets in the event that you would spend the night. Yet after all this is done, the host will still ask for forgiveness for not attending to their visitor better.

Pierce credits her academic advisor, Dennis Gilbert, chair of the Sociology Department, for her success in South America. Since her freshman year, Professor Gilbert has helped convey all of her interests in religion, poverty, and Latin America into one.

"He gave me the idea for my thesis," Pierce commends her advisor. "He helped me when I was down there doing my research and we communicated by email and telephone."

Her interest in the Latin American community and in the welfare of others started before she came to Hamilton. Pierce had always intended to become fluent in Spanish and the original purpose of her first trip to Argentina was very different than what it ended up becoming.

"The only reason I went down to Latin America was to learn Spanish, to come back and become a social worker in the States," Pierce said. "But when I was down there the people were so wonderful I just fell in love with it so I decided to live there."

Pierce's future does not lie in the States, but points towards the South. After her traveling, she has seen and experienced the impoverished state of welfare in South America and wishes to assist people like those with whom she stayed in Colombia and Argentina. "I want to head international social programs in South America,"

Pierce explained about her future plans. "I am going to spend my life in South America. I also want to start organizations that I can use resources from different areas and utilize volunteers and youth groups. To have people in (South American) nations mobilized to work and organize big social programs for orphans, kids in the street, literacy and prostitutes among others because down there there is not a lot of social help for the poor like there is here."

After graduation, Pierce will travel to Denver to start five months of training with the global organization Youth With a Mission. After her stay in Denver, one more year of training will be awaiting her in Colombia. After all of her training is completed, Pierce will be ready to be a missionary helping others.

Pierce greatly misses Colombia and her new friends. She is currently in the middle of helping two Colombians gain jobs in the States, and she is regularly on the phone to South America. Her room is so littered with maps, music, pictures and literature from South America that at times she feels odd at Hamilton. "I feel so at home when I'm down there, I feel like a stranger in my own country," Pierce said.

> **"It's really important to emphasize to the students all the possibilities in a Hamilton education. It's not about just coming here and learning, it's about going into the entire world and seeing what your passion is."**
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> **—Rebecca Pierce '97**

In addition to her exciting travels, Pierce's current academic situation is also very special. She is one of three seniors in the Student Fellowship Program who are exempt from taking a normal course load in the conventional curriculum and from completing requirements. In return, the senior fellows must submit a written thesis on their chosen field of study and give a public lecture to the College community.

Rebecca Pierce is very passionate about her work in South America and urges other students to look beyond their own futures at Hamilton and focus on those in need. "It's really important to emphasize to the students all the possibilities in a Hamilton education," she said.

"It's not about just coming here and learning, it's about going into the entire world and seeing what your passion is. You can do so many things by going abroad or taking classes here. It's so important to have a vision outside of your horizons. Think about what you can give instead of what you can get."

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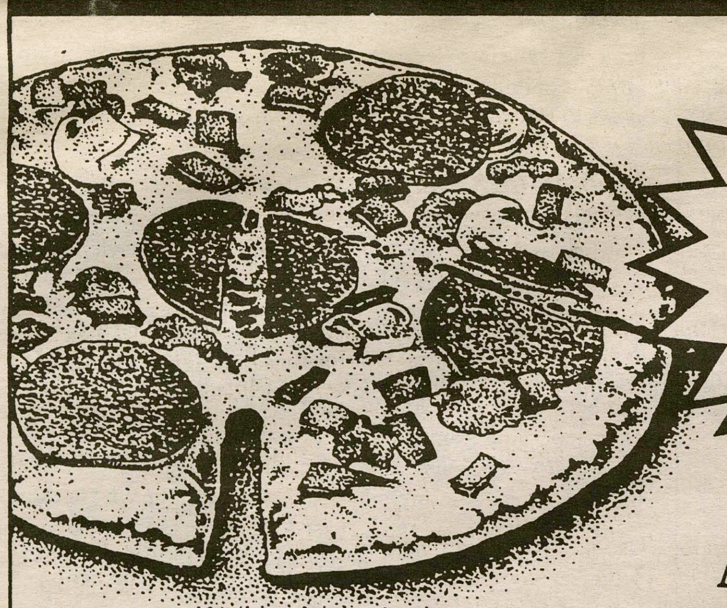

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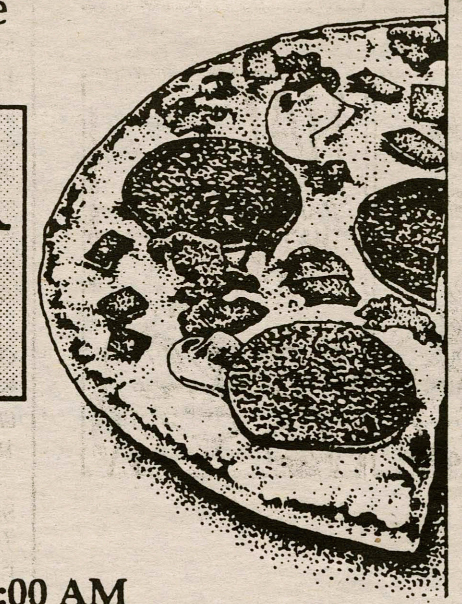

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Alumni visit Alexander Hamilton's birthplace

BY SUZANNE DOUGHERTY '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

30 Hamilton graduates participated in the College's first annual alumni tour from Jan. 4-11 of Nevice, a small island in the eastern Caribbean located south east of Puerto Rico. Nevice is the birth place of Hamilton's founder, Alexander Hamilton.

1970's graduate Carlton Dasent was the driving force behind the trip. An attorney in New Bedford, MA, Dasent's position on the alumni council helped to turn his inspiration into a reality. With Dasent's support, the relations forged between three Nevicion Hamilton graduates and the native Nevicions has prospered through regular contact with the island natives.

Joseph Dorsey, assistant professor of Africana studies and his wife Janet Dorsey also accompanied the alumni on their expedition. Janet is a sister-in-law of Franklin Brand, one of the most prominent politicians in Nevice. Brand is a former minister of tourism for Nevice and he owns the island's only bakery shop. His relationship with the Hamilton community allowed a few extra benefits for the Hamilton tourists, including a tour of his baking kitchen, which provided a chance for the tired tourists to sample some of his edible creations.

Another significant figure in this group of travellers was Walter Beinecke, one of Hamilton's greatest benefactors and trustees.

The intent of the journey to remote Nevice was to establish a reliable, permanent connection with the land and its people. It's lush vegetation and few remaining tropical rainforests are rich in history. Colonized before even the Massachusetts bay colony, Nevice was a major sugar producer during the colonial era.

Their contribution to the Americas only made their position in the world more respected. Between 1700 and 1750, Nevice was the leading sugar producer and the most densely populated area of its time in its region. The island's features have made it a prime location for Hamilton students to conduct field studies in biology, anthropology and history.

Professor Robert Paquette's impressions of the island and its people were enthusiastic. "The people there are among the friendliest I have met anywhere," he said. In return for the Nevice community's hospitality and research opportunities, some of the professors and alumni gave lectures and seminars to the local people in an effort to help them achieve financial security and growth.

In return for these services, the government of Nevice has made several contributions to Hamilton's scholarship fund. Their contributions were then presented to the historical society to preserve film that may in some way provide information about Alexander Hamilton's life. Two repositories, the Nevice Museum and the Nevice Courthouse, still house information about Hamilton College's founder.

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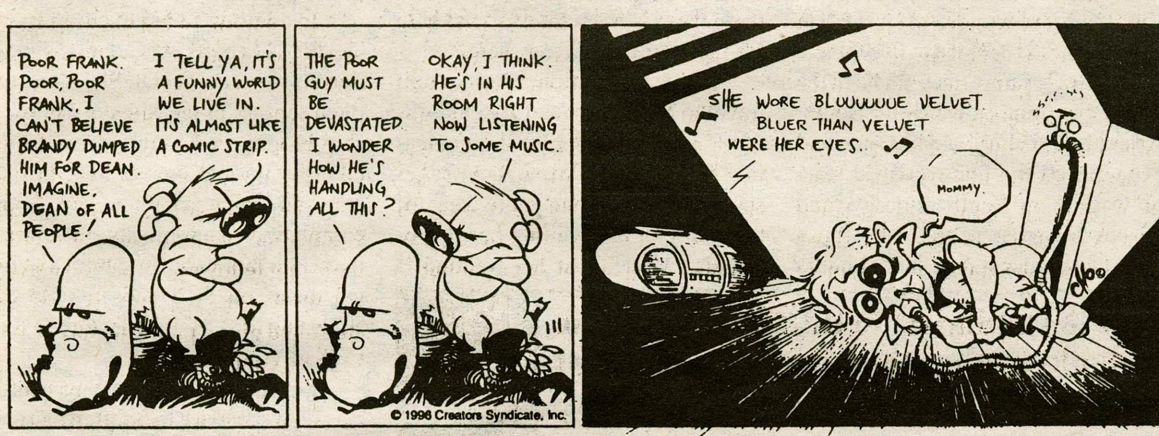

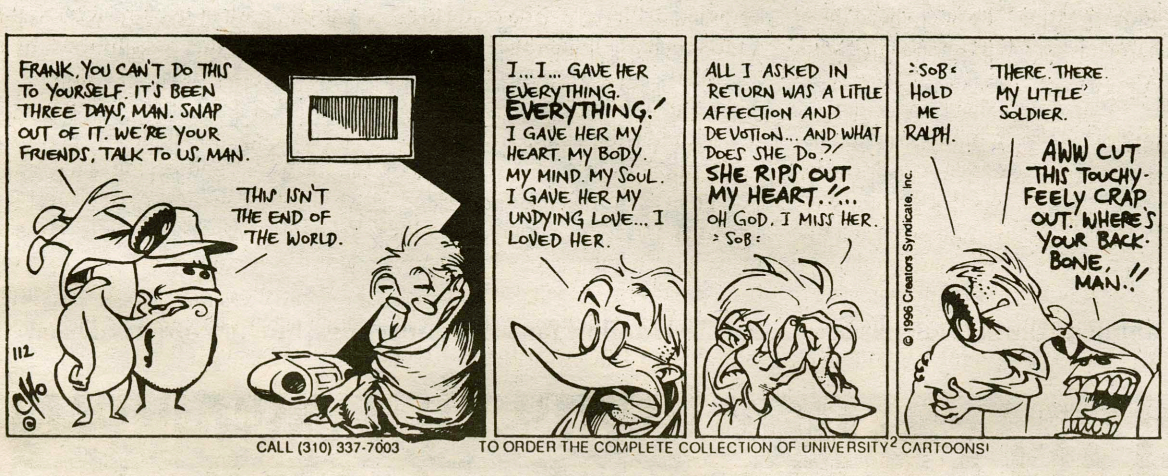

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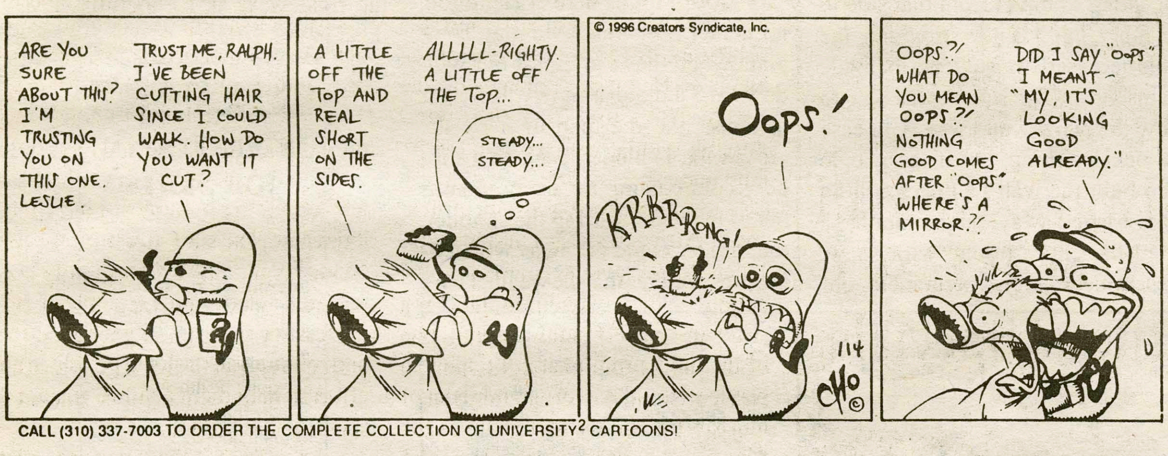

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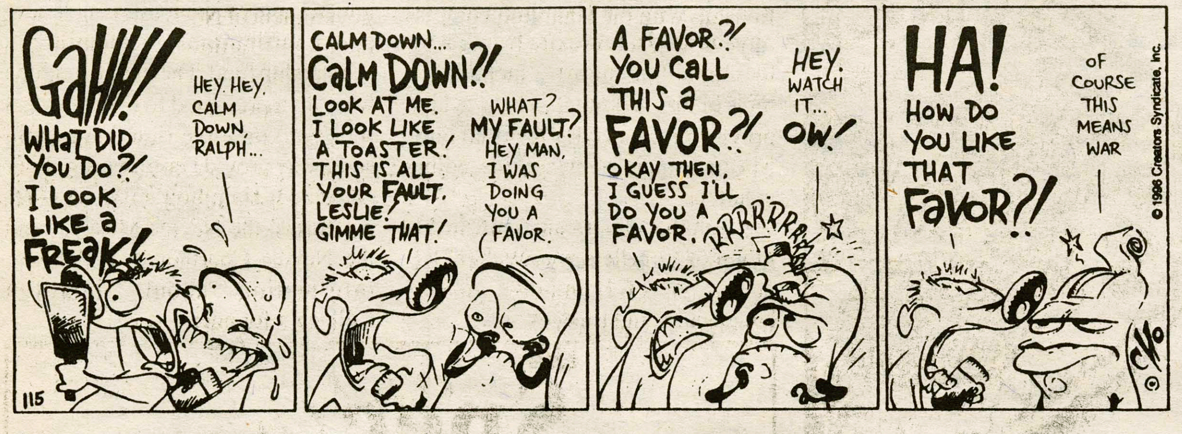

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When was the last time you had lunch with one of your professors?

Taking time to examining The Common Meal, is it a myth or a reality?

By Kristen Holderle '00
Features Writer

On March 3, 1995, the Trustees of the College issued "The Report on Residential Life: A New Era of Residential Life at Hamilton." This report was a culmination of the ideas that the Trustees had been discussing about the future of the College for about three years beforehand. Much of what is addressed in their report is ways to make Hamilton more of a community by bringing students and faculty together.

Most people only know about one issue of their decision, however, and that is the act of doing away with fraternity housing on campus. Since this happened, the words "Res-Life Decision" have become synonymous with this event.

The decision of the Trustees involved more than this issue. Another goal of theirs was to enact a common meal plan that would encourage students, teachers and faculty to interact with one another on a personal level in the dining halls, as well as on an academic level in the classrooms.

This was an important issue to the Committee because they believe that "where and with whom students eat their meals are defining characteristics of college life" and therefore they wished to encourage more personal interaction among students and their teachers. In order to facilitate such an interaction, the Committee requires that all students purchase a minimum of five meals a week, and that faculty and staff meals be subsidized as a means of bringing the community together during lunch hours.

More recently, it has been common to see students and professors sharing a meal together, whether it be in one of the dining halls, Cafe Opus, or Azel Backus House. Professors also invite students to their houses in order to facilitate discussions about aspects of their assignments that they did not have time to address in class, or to just spend timewith each other.

Most days at noon, students and their teachers can be seen gathering at Azel Backus to discuss projects or issues that arise in their classes. Whether they are discussing projects or course selections, since the enactment of this common meal policy, the number of students and faculty that meet on a personal basis has increased.

Much of this has to do with changes made to the dining halls to facilitate such meetings. Under the provisions of the report, Commons was to be renovated in order to provide private dining spaces for meetings and small programs during lunch hour. The committee had many things in mind when they planned the common meal plan idea. They hoped that a common meal would bring students and professors together to discuss their writing, to meet with a class as a group, engage in a language table, or meet with visiting artists or professors.

So far, the results of this decision by the Trustees has been very positive, and teachers and students alike have shown an interest in the common meal program. Professors such as Catherine Kodat, Assistant Professor of English thinks that it is a good thing that Hamilton emphasizes social interaction among students and faculty. It is an important part of the academic and social life on campus. When she entertains her students, she said 'that she prefers to go to Cafe Opus, rather than any of the dining halls, because it is not as loud, and therefore is more conducive to coffee and conversation.

Bev Edmondson, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology, also enjoys the benefits of more interaction with her students. "I think it is a great idea" she said, and when she meets with students, she often invites them to eat with her at Azel Backus. At the invitation of students, she has also eaten at the dining halls as well. She also said that she hopes that interactions among faculty and students will continue to increase as students begin to invite more of their teachers to join in meals with them. It gives both parties a chance to get to know each other on a personal level, and also discuss topics that were brought up in class, and continuing to interact in such a way will only enrich life on the Hill.

Senior Resident Advisor, Sara Walker Bosworth has had the opportunity to benefit from the effects of the common meal plan. Every Thursday, she meets at Azel Backus to discuss her senior thesis. She thinks that it is a good idea because it allows you to meet with teachers in an informal setting, and is also conducive to her busy schedule because it is done during regular lunch hours. She feels "it is nice to be able to eat lunch in an intellectual environment" and to discuss issues with her teachers, but space is a problem.

"Commons and McEwen are definitely not conducive to fostering this type of intellectual atmosphere," she says. The only places that are, include Azel Backus and Cafe Opus, but they, too, are small and often cramped during lunch hours. The Diner is another possibility, but it too is often very crowded and has limited space.

Other students, however, feel that the new common meal plan hasn't reached it's full potential . They say that they have yet to notice a difference in the number of teachers who are eating in the dining halls. This could be true due to disinterest of the students or their professors, or it could simply be that there are not enough places for students and teachers to meet and have discussions.

The goal of the Trustees in organizing a common meal plan, was to increase the sense of community here on campus. They hoped that it would bring students and teachers together so that they would interact and create more personal relationship. While more students have begun to take advantage of this opportunity, others feel that there is still more that can be done to increase the interaction between students and faculty.

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Commons Dining Hall has been renovated to allow for private meetings, but how often is it used?

Riley's Occasional Ramblings

By Riley Fenner '00
Features Columnist

What evil lurks along the cold paths of Hamilton College? Wintertime here is fraught with peril, and not just such mundane dangers as frostbite or a fall on the sidewalk. For example, you might be walking along Martin's Way and suddenly find your path blocked by a packed, frozen wall of snow at the end of the bridge. Exactly that kind of blockade was erected by the "Kirkland Liberation Front" last Friday night. The season of winter not only divides the two halves of campus by making it less appealing to travel from one side to the other, but it is now providing the tools necessary for students to divide themselves. The school was able to plow the snow wall away with ease the next morning, but if the people who built the wall had been a little more carried away, they might have filled the entire bridge with snow, presenting a more permanent obstacle.

The same machines that remove natural or manmade snow barriers from our paths could be our downfall. Picture yourself innocently walking down the steps of Commons and into the path of a snowplow buggy that has been lurking on the path with its motor idling. Once you step onto the unplowed pavement, the plow operator guns the motor and helps solve Hamilton's housing shortage. This scenario is definitely far fetched, but even so, if you see a plow with fangs painted on the front and flames painted on the side, run for the woods.

However, the plows are a necessary hazard for us here at Hamilton, no matter how much we may complain when they rattle past our windows at 8 a.m. on a snowy day. Our campus, like the map of it by the crosswalk, is hidden beneath a slippery cold coating for many months out of the year. During the summer, tour guides could get away with telling prospectives that the weather isn't too bad and that the map was heated in the winter so that the snow would melt. When walking across campus without falling becomes a remarkable feat, though, the top of the Hill starts looking like a bleak position.

However, these complaints about winter serve to bring people together in some ways. Going outside on a snowy night to plaster your friends with snowballs can be a uniquely rewarding bonding experience. If everyone is equally hurt by a situation, then it can turn into a staple of conversation. As stereotypical as it may be to talk about the weather, it can be interesting if it is handled in the right way, as I hopefully have done in this article.

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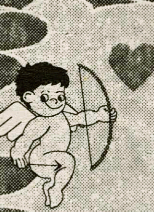

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College plans a month of 'Celebrating Blackness'

By Elena Siegel '00
Features Writer

Dating to the early 1900's, Black History Month is celebrated nationwide. The idea originated with Carter G. Wilson, one of the first black historians, who saw the celebration as a way to increase understanding of and appreciation for black history. Hamilton College, in recognition of this celebration organized a series of speakers and events on campus under the title "Celebrating Blackness — Spring Semester 1997."

"One of the goals of this month is to encourage people to explore the math and science fields for further education and a career path. Part of the idea is to get in people who can talk about that, their professional abilities and their struggles," says Kerry Sethi, Director of Multicultural Affairs. "Some of the speakers went through a great deal and opened a lot of doors because they were the first people to open up those doors."

Several of the highlights include the recent visits of Bob Moses and George Strait of ABC News, as well as the pending visit of US astronaut Mae Jemison. Moses spoke on his project "The Algebra Project" to a large crowd in the Chapel on January 31, 1997.

The next day, the Men of Color Conference was held with Strait, who gave a lecture entitled Establishing Relationships, Breaking Down Barriers. Strait spoke about being the medical correspondent for ABC, his role in the media and how ABC works. He talked about how ABC is not a perfect place and that they have a lot to learn. "It was very interesting to hear him speak about his work and work environment," said Sethi. "When you think about it, ABC is supposed to be on the cutting edge, educating the rest of us." Although the Men of Color Conference did not draw as many people as Sethi had hoped, he was still pleased with the turnout, acknowledging that a Saturday conference can be difficult to draw people to.

On Thursday, February 13, "Doctuh" Mike Woods will be returning from leave in Indiana to put on a concert with his jazz band in celebration of Black History Month. While he is back, he will also be performing at Colgate University.

The Trinidad and Tobago Steelband which performed at the opening ceremonies were especially excited to visit the Hamilton campus. "When I mentioned that they would be performing for the opening of Black History Month, they were all excited and said, yes, we'd definitely like to be there, because we understand how much a celebration like this matters," Sethi said.

Faculty support has been strong, and not just from black faculty members. "A lot of faculty have taken the time to help out with this program, and not just black, but white and everybody in between." Vincent Odamtten, Professor of English, and Allison Dorsey, Professor of History, both have played integral parts in this month's realization. Professor Dorsey was responsible for bringing Moses to Hamilton to speak, and Professor Odamtten, will be holding several lectures over the course of the month

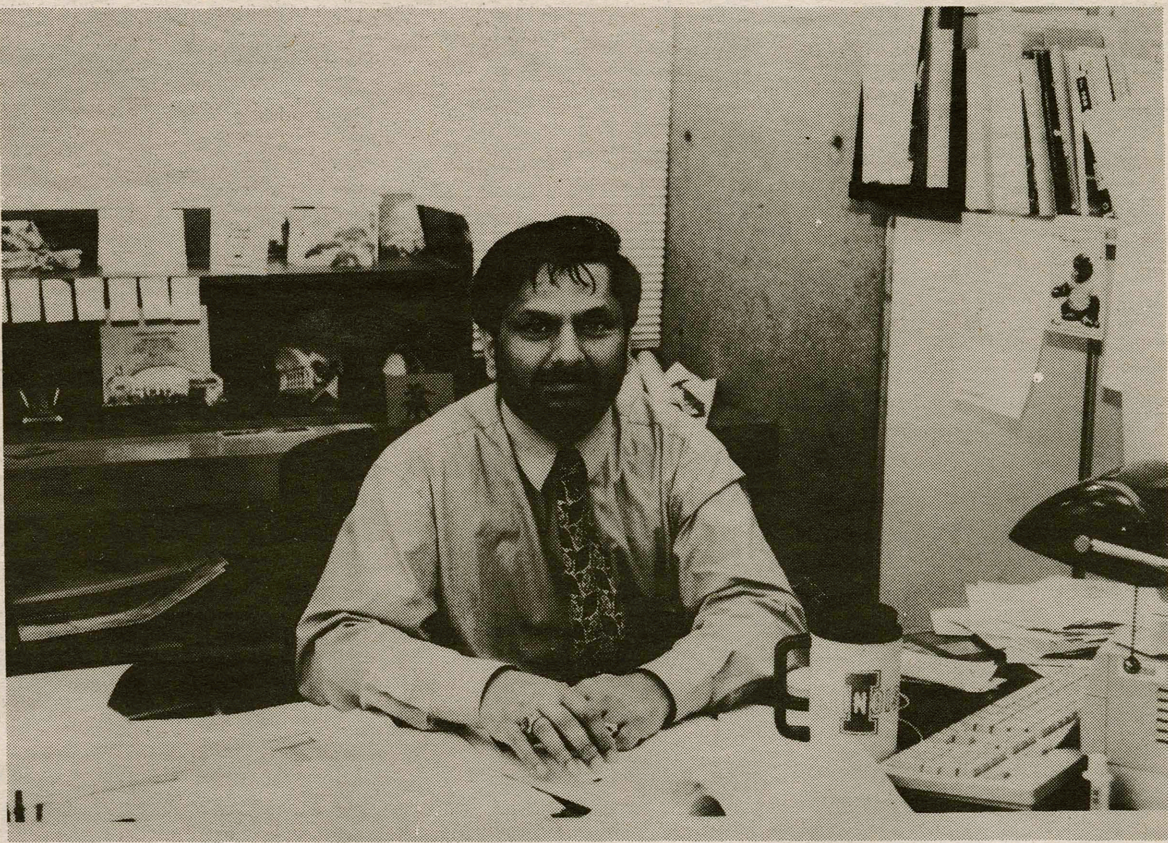

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Kerry Sethi has overseen the College's first offical celebration of Black History Month.

Black History Month has been celebrated formally and informally on the Hamilton Campus for quite sometime, but this is the first year that a formal calendar has been drawn up. With the help and support of many different groups on campus, Sethi has been able to organize a wide variety of activities and speakers for the college community to experience.

Sethi hopes that members of the black community."

Diversity and exposure to diversity is an issue that colleges across the country are wrestling with today. On Hamilton's campus, different organizations take different approaches to addressing this problem. In Sethi's opinion, this year CAB has been taking more time to have a little more creativity in the diversity of their programs.

On the Womyn's Center's planning of Womyn's Energy Week last year, Sethi says , "It's not about having white lesbian women, or all black gay men or whatever," says Sethi. "It's about separate individuals and different identities. That is what this week is about."

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With just a few programs and speakers during the course of a month, Sethi feels that it doesn't really give people a good understanding of the history, culture or the blackness of an individual. "One month is not enough, we should be doing programming that relates to the black culture and other cultures throughout the year, but it's a good start."

Of the events originally scheduled, the film and discussion that was to take place on February 28, has been canceled. There is also a chance that Mae Jemison's visit will be rescheduled, but as of now it will still be occurring on February 12 in the Chapel..

Also occurring during the month of February, Asian Week will be taking place from February 17 to the 22. Each year, the week focuses on a different Asian culture, this year being Japanese culture.

Events during this week will feaure a Japanese Name Banner on February 17, a performance by the New York Inove Chamber Ensemble, and several other events.

community will have several different experiences during the month. "I think that it's important that students recognize this as an opportunity for a lot of people who don't know that much about different areas to understand different aspects of the culture. Whatever work we do this month, hopefully it will open up the eyes of some individuals to the diverseness

Celebrating Blackness: Some Key Events

February 2, Sunday	-Opening Ceremony for Black History Month (5:00 pm. Fillius Events Barn)
February 6, Thursday	- Theme: Rites of Passage, Films: In the Name of God & Becoming a Woman in Okrika followed by discussion (7 pm Red Pit)
February 12, Wenesday	- U.S. Astronaut Ms. Mae Jemison
February 13, Thursday	Theme: Identity, film A Question of color followed by discussion led by Prof. Joseph Dorsey. (7:00pm Red Pit) Jazz Concert featuring Doctuh Woods (8:30 pm Fillius Events Barn)

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FACES IN THE CROWD — COLIN CARMAN '00

By Shauna Wreschner '00
Features Writer

Will Erica and Dimitri get back together again? Are Edmund and his wife going to get their child back? If you have asked these questions it may interest you to know that the actor who portrayed "the young Edmund Grey" a few years ago in the daytime drama, "All My Children," is Hamilton's own first-year student, Colin Carman.

Colin first broke into acting when he was nine years old. His mother took him to audition for a part in the Monmouth County production of "Oliver." Colin recounts that he did not want to audition, yet received a role in the production. At the end of the production he found he enjoyed acting so much that he asked Mom to help him find "challenging parts, on a larger scale." Soon the Carmans were researching agents and managers.

As a youngster, Colin starred in two commercials and performed many voice overs in various children's videos. Colin was the voice of "Huckle," the cat in the well known cartoon by Richard Scary. Colin's voice can also be heard as "Huckle" in Scary's "ABC" and "1,2,3" videos. Carman narrates in the video versions of the Dr. Suess books *The Cat in the Hat Comes Back, One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish Blue Fish,* and *Hop on Pop,* as well.

Aside from commercials and voice-over work Colin also acted in the soap-opera "All My Children." Despite doubts of his success, eighth grade graduation was made that much sweeter when he learned that he had landed the role. Colin played "young Edmund Grey" in flashback sequences through the summer. (Until "Adult Edmund Grey" on the show began therapy, thus ending the flashbacks and the need for a "young Edmund Grey.") Other acting credits include the productions *Four Baboons Adoring the Sun* with Stockard Channing (Rizzo in *Grease*) at Lincoln Center in New York City, and *American Dream* with James Naughton at the Shubert Thearter in Los Angeles. Most recently, Carman was a choirboy in the movie *Home Alone 2 : Lost in New York.*

Currently Colin hosts the segment "How the Other Half Lives" on the campus show "Panorama : Life on the Hill," while hosting his own modern rock radio show from 8-10:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Although Colin has no interest in continuing his acting career, he would like to pursue a career in singing and, perhaps, voice overs; he revealed he has a "sneaking desire" to play the character "Mark" in the new award winning musical *Rent.*

Most tend to ask, "Do you think your career is just a flash in the pan?" To this Colin replies, "I don't think of myself as that . . . because I look back on my childhood and think, ' At just eighteen I've done some fun, unusual things ! I like the idea that my kids will watch my cartoons and learn the alphabet to my voice. Eery.'"

Clearly Colin doesn't regret his decision. He views his matriculation to Hamilton as a transition to a new phase of his life.

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First-Year Carman doesn't regret trading in his acting career for academic pursuits.

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Preserving one of our treasures

Hamilton College's site on the World Wide Web includes a viewbook for prospective students that features "The Collected Stories" of the College, 1996-97. In the foreword to this collection, President Tobin describes his emotions as he first arrived in Clinton 17 years ago. "Walking back to the Bristol Campus Center," Tobin recalls, "I envisioned the professional and personal life of a Hamilton professor: small classes with highly motivated students, close working relationships with colleagues from a variety of disciplines, and opportunities for lifelong friendships with students, faculty members and alumni."

For many, a liberal arts institution such as Hamilton seems attractive for these exact reasons. The faculty is extremely accessible and students and professors often develop close relationships during the undergraduate years. We envision classes where ten to fifteen students gather in a stately room with wood floors and high ceilings, seated in a circle, with the professor leading an intimate discussion.

This semester, however, classes are overenrolled by 355 seats. According to the Office of the Registrar, this overcrowding is due to the presence of 81 more full-time students than the College expected in planning for the semester. Students studying abroad or on leave often decide to return to the Hill just before the semester begins. Professors accommodate the needs of these students and help them gain entry into the courses they need, and students certainly respect the assistance of the faculty in this kind of situation.

These figures indicate a lack of flexibility in the College's course schedule. The 81 additional students returning to campus would require a total of 324 additional seats, based on a four-course schedule. With an overenrollment of 355 seats, it is apparent that the College did not develop a schedule that could truly accommodate additional students under the course enrollment limits provided by the faculty.

The faculty has been more than helpful in dealing with this unexpected problem, as displayed in the Religious Studies Department's reorganization of its "Apocalypse and the Millennium" course and the Department of Art's addition of extra sections of studio courses.

Despite these efforts, both the faculty and the student body stand to lose from an overcrowded Hamilton. As President Tobin observed in 1980, the intimacy between faculty and student is one of the College's greatest treasures. It would be a shame to forfeit this attribute that we all appreciate on account of poor planning.

Rit Fuller, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, told *The Spectator* that the target enrollment for the Class of 2001 will be adjusted to help the College deal with potential overcrowding. However, should this problem become a recurring one, the College stands to lose esteem from its own students and faculty, as well as from individuals beyond the Hill.

Those of us living on the Hill truly appreciate the benefits of an education at a school such as Hamilton, and we insist that the College do all that is within its power to ensure that the most important attributes of a Hamilton education are preserved.

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Abhorred at Emerson's abortion exhibit

Editor,

After visiting the "Warnings" exhibit in the Emerson Gallery, we found ourselves abhorred at the blatant and abominable disrespect for human life manifested under the veil of art. While the exhibit was despicable alone for promoting the heinous crime of abortion, the "artist"'s absurd conclusions prove Ms. Link lacks even an elementary sense of logic. The fact that Hitler outlawed abortion was flaunted.

Using misinformed activist logic, the exhibit compares Hitler to prominent Americans opposed to abortion, namely former President George Bush, Senator Jesse Helms and Operation Rescue leader Randall Terry. Since abortion became illegal in Nazi Germany before the regime launched the Holocaust, the artist implies that the ultimate objective of the aforementioned pro-life leaders and their allies is to form a fascist regime denying all Americans their fundamental rights. This slippery slope argument is based on the erroneous premise that the American right-to-life movement shares the ideology and goals of the Nazis. Nothing could be further from the truth.

As its name implies, the right-to-life movement strives to protect the most fundamental right of all: the right to life. To the contrary, any regime that would ruthlessly kill 12 million innocent people in concentration camps denies the existence of a right to life. The Nazi abortion policy was not enacted to protect life; it was enforced merely to ensure a growing population to provide troops for Hitler's army. In effect, the right-to-life movement's position is founded in the mandate that life must be protected while the Nazi position is based in pragmatism. Neither position is grounded in a male conspiracy to repress women! Nonetheless, the reasoning of the pro-life movement and the Nazis on abortion could not be any more different.

A similarity does exist, however, in the moral philosophy of the Nazis and the pro-abortion faction. Both the Nazis and the pro-abortion lobby agree about the ethical permissibility of sanctioned genocide. Granted, today the state does not directly perform abortions. Yet the difference in consequences between performing and merely permitting, promoting and funding mass murder is immaterial. Twelve million innocent people died in the Holocaust while an incredible 40 million innocent babies have been killed since Roe v. Wade. Whether the state itself or state-certified abortionists kill the innocent, it is wrong regardless.

Few would disagree with the right to life in the abstract, yet some would deny this most fundamental right to the unborn. A fetus is not a blob of tissue owned by the mother to be disposed of her at her own will, but rather a unique and precious human being. If the fetus were a part of the mother and not an autonomous individual, it would be genetically identical to the rest of the mother. Science exposes that this hypothesis is not true. At conception, a unique individual is formed with the DNA structure like that of neither the mother nor the father. A new human life exists.

How can liberated feminists acknowledge their own humanity while insisting on their own right to destroy this God-given miraculous gift? How then can they justify their right to have their babies vacuumed into small pieces, burned alive with saline, or partially delivered for the doctor to kill with his own hands? What then is "freedom of choice" or a "woman's right to choose" but a denial of the right to life of the unborn, the most helpless minority of all? Have we not learned our lesson from the Nazis? Are we going to make their mistake of respecting life only as an economic commodity to be protected only for pragmatic purposes while destroyed at will for any arbitrary cause? We hope society will learn its lesson soon. On that glorious day when we learn respect for life, the only abortion that will be justifiable is that of this exhibit.

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Student objects to a "thumbs down"

Editor,

I was surprised to see the *Spectator* give a "Thumbs Down" to "No smoking upper level, Cafe Opus" in your January 31, 1997 "Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down" section.

What objection does the *Spectator* have to the creation of a space for people who opt to sit and drink their coffee with cream and sugar, but not with smelly, carcinogenic lungfulls of cigarette smoke? If I want to enjoy Opus, am I required to inhale the foul and unhealthy product of someone else's boorish and stupid habit?

I hope this "Thumbs Down" was a typo and the next *Spectator* will heartily endorse Cafe Opus's intelligent and courteous decision.

Gregory K. O'Connell '97

Editor's note: The Spectator *objects to Cafe Opus's smoking policy on the grounds that it discriminates against handicapped patrons. Since none of the smoking areas are accessible to the handicapped, such patrons cannot enjoy a cigarette.*

Some advice on how to avoid the Hamilton midwinter blues

CHRISTIE REED
WEEKLY REED

It's that time of the year. No sun and seemingly no fun. New and exciting would not be the first words to come to mind when describing winter life at Hamilton. I see and feel winter's grip every time I walk the path. Faces deprived of sunlight, looking lifeless and in need of a smile to liven their features. Feeling like slaves to work and the routine, students here begin to resemble robots going through the motions. Where's the joy in life, the excitement?

Ideally, when paying thousands of dollars for an education, you program yourself to believe that learning is your life's hunger, that joy and elation can be conjured from the pages of your econ text book, and that these intellectual works are the fuel for your fire. Realistically...are you kidding me!? Yes, there are those rare moments when the subject matter before you sweeps you up in a wave of intellectual motivation that sends chills up and down your spine. As a friend once described, you are "high on learning." But these waves are just that, waves. They appear from nowhere, crash down upon you and then retract just as swiftly. Besides, you can only study so much before your vision blurs and your eyes take on a mind of there own, refusing to pay attention to the information you so desperately seek to devour.

In search of retreat from academia you look to the other side of college life for comfort. At this point in the year, however, the social scene seems like "deja vu all over again," as Yogi Berra said. One party blends into the other, and none of them leave you with a sense of accomplishment. In fact, it has been my experience as well as the experience of others I have spoken with over the past four years, that these parties generally have quite the opposite effect, leaving you feeling in a state of regression.

So, you feel confined to the grind and happiness seems so far away that the word no longer exists in your vocabulary. Actually, it is right around the corner. Just follow me...

Before I take you on this journey, I want to qualify one thing. This happiness I am about to show you has nothing to do with lightening bolts or butterflies. The happiness I seek to reveal would be better described as a state of contentment, an overall feeling of well-being that gently washes over you, requiring nothing but your "self," and, if you choose, a few friends.

Feeling stressed? Take a walk in Root Glen. Fall, winter, or spring, this is the most beautiful place to be on campus. Hear the snow crunch crisply under your feet. Stand and listen to the snow. Even when flakes are not actually falling to the ground, you can hear the snow as if it were living in the trees. Look up at the canopy of trees above you and feel the protection of their overhanging branches. All is calm, and hopefully so are you!

And what better therapy for the winter blues than music. About to go crazy? Need a break from the backbreaking grind? Travel over to the Events Barn for some soothing hot cider and listen to the voice of reason as it clears your mind. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the show.

You just can't afford to take time out, but you are about to crack...join the crew at Cafe Opus for a comforting cup of tea or coffee while you read. This atmosphere may help to juice up your intellectual brain cells while relieving some of the stress caused by a long day in the classroom. Some caffeine may do you well for the hovering all-nighter, while the warmth of a cup of joe acts like a pat on the back; something you will definitely need for the grueling hours ahead! Or, if you're just plain bored, which I would give anything to be at this moment, grab a pleasure book, befriend a comfy-couch and make everyone jealous.

If these suggestions fail, and you desperately need to get away, take the scenic route. Hop in your car (if you have one) or bundle up and throw on your sneakers and discover the landscape that surrounds our hilltop home. Open fields and spectacular views cover every inch of visible ground, and if you return from your getaway on Griffin Road, heading towards the College, you will come upon the most beautiful view: Hamilton College, snuggled in among the snow-covered pines. At this sight you may experience that jolt of exhilaration so rarely felt on these cold, grey winter days. A jolt which reminds you: Wake up! Remember how lucky you are!

February showdown: Taoism meets Old Man Winter on College Hill

BEN MINTZ
GREY MATTERS

As the weather continued its turn for the worse this week and the infamous snow brush was called upon more than once to clear the paths so that students could venture safely about campus, numerous Hamiltonians fell victim to a plethora of winter ailments. Luckily, I have not fallen victim to the shady plague which has ransacked our beloved institution. Unfortunately, I was stricken by a disease of a psychological rather than physical nature: writer's block. I used the skills of procrastination possessed by any good Hamilton student to delay the writing of this column until Thursday afternoon. After decreasing my life expectancy by six months and listening to Stevie Wonder's *Musiquarium* twice, I still had no topic.

In the midst of desperate, metaphorical groping, I turned to a book for inspiration called *365 Tao: Daily Meditations*. As the title may suggest, the work consists of one page of inspirational reflection for every day of the year. Each day has a theme and the proper Chinese character for that theme. In addition, there is a "brief poetic aphorism" on each topic. The bulk of each page is dedicated to a short meditation on the theme. The book is designed so that everyday, one can read a page and be provided with some brain food which helps to put the monotonies of daily life into perspective.

While I am certainly far from a practicing Taoist, *365 Tao* remains one of my favorite books. I enjoy reading random pages and utilizing the ideas as simple theoretical constructs to ponder. So, when I needed a topic, I skimmed through the book in search of an interesting thought and stumbled across the "optimism" page. While my weekly readers would likely not consider me an optimist, I felt nonetheless that the ideas expressed seemed profound and extremely appropriate.

The poem read, "Clearing blue sky/A promise in bare branches. /In winter,/There are sunny days./In adulthood, childhood can return." The commentary begins, "In winter, all things appear dead or dormant./ The rain and snow seem incessant, the nights long" It continues, "In adulthood, we often see responsibilities as something dreadful./Why should we dig the ground when the weather is disagreeable? /We see activities only as obligation, and we strain against fate. But there is a joy to working in harmony with the proper time./When we do things at just the right occasion and those efforts bear fruit later, the gratification is tremendous."

The second excerpt seems to apply well to our situation here on the Hill. Of course, to state that fruits are born or that maturity is attained only at graduation would be to totally contradict the principals of Taoism. These are events which obviously occur in different ways and at different times for each of us. Gratification occurs not only once, but often, and manifests itself differently to all.

After defining and beginning to maintain those obligations, there are many obstacles which can derail even the most hearty of Continentals. The winter at Hamilton is a dark, difficult period. It is taxing both physically and mentally. Flu and depression run rampant. I find it ironic that I decided not to attend college in Maine because a college counselor informed me that scientific studies had proven cases of clinical depression were higher on Maine campuses due to the lack of sun. A year or so later, I recall reading an article in the Binghamton paper, *Press and Sun Bulletin*, that our area holds the number two position on the list of areas with the least amount of sunny days. As if constant snow is not cruel enough, we must also endure sudden hot flashes accompanied by monsoons.

The winter at Hamilton is often a monotonous period of going through the motions of a set routine. It is the time when one grows to love or hate their neighbors and roommates because of the new surplus of time spent in the dormitories; we become a colony of hermits. Boredom is only an early stage followed by an inescapable period of introspection. Often, this emotional period can result in decreased focus on academics which tends to exponentially compound the problems of depression.

Joseph Conrad's book, *Heart of Darkness*, provided the foundation for Francis Ford Coppolla's film, *Apocalypse Now*. Both pieces tell the story of a man journeying farther and farther into darkness as he progresses through a jungle by way of a foreboding river. The darkness is represented by the main character's mental anguish, and inner conflicts with his surroundings and acquaintances. The winter at Hamilton can almost be seen as analogous to this tale. For some of us, it is our own journey into darkness.

One still must remember that in the deepest darkness, revelations occur and opportunities present themselves. A solitary light is far more noticeable under a congested, midnight sky than under the noon sun.

Winters have always had a negative stigma. William Shakespeare scripts Richard III as referring to "the winter of our discontent." One postmodern poet said, "Discontent breeds improvement." Winter is a metaphorical period which can occur anytime regardless of the month. At Hamilton we are confronted with the meteorological winter and the personal cold and darkness that it generates. In addition, we are further chilled by the "winters" of monotony, reslife, and academic rigor. However, as the original verse reads, "In winter there are sunny days." Rather than dwell on the days when the sun does not warm our spirits, we must search for the glimmers of light and warmth which show through in small ways on even the blackest of afternoons. More importantly, we must generate that light and learn from the dark.

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SOCRATES LAUGHS

A defense of quantitative education, a misreading of Wittgenstein

Last Friday, Mr. Bob Moses spoke on mathematical literacy and citizenship. I was provoked by his talk to think about the role of verbal and quantitative education in his theory of citizenship.

He conceives of verbal and quantitative education as a road to the cultivation of people's faculties to do, feel, and think. Three faculties are necessary for society to be harmonious, as well as for each person to act upon his citizenship. Education provides young people with a background (including economic stability) so that they can struggle for life and cultivate three spiritual disciplines associated with three faculties: power and surrender, love and humility, and intellect and wisdom.

Mr. Moses came to believe that writing and reading are important as a result of his "Quine experience." When he read the philosopher Quine, he was shocked to see how the author wrote well on complex thoughts. He said that he understood the "structure of language," meaning how language expresses ideas, at this time. As to quantitative skills, he believes that they are fundamental to critical thinking. Those two types of education which are essential to critical thinking must not be politicized but must be given to all citizens equally.

So, I would like to see why verbal and quantitative education constitute the core of education, a land for the cultivation of human faculties. Here are some ideas on this topic.

Eiko Tsunematsu

I have been asked to jot down some quick thoughts regarding two questions: Why the study of culture and literature are important to foreign language courses, and how the study of a foreign language help one to understand the nature of language in general in ways not usually available in other academic disciplines. Here are a pair of, necessarily simplified, answers:

1. Culture and language are inseparable. A student cannot understand the authentic expression of a language without some knowledge and appreciation of the cultural context in which that language is embodied. Similarly (the mindless view of most tourists notwithstanding), one cannot recognize and assimilate the true nature and spirit of another people without extensive knowledge of that people's means of communication. The study of foreign literature, including analysis of those ways in which its written expression is syntactically and morphologically unique, increases the student's knowledge of vocabulary and cultural perspective, while allowing glimpses into a civilization's highest artistic expression. (In addition, and perhaps above all, such study is fun.)

2. The study of a foreign language —particularly in an age when students lack a knowledge of basic English grammar— leads to an understanding and appreciation of the structure and function of linguistic form in a concentrated way which is often not possible in other disciplines, except in the field of linguistics itself.

In a word, foreign language study, in the truest sense of the liberating arts, frees a student from intolerant, cultural provincialism and ignorance of the structure and relationships inherent in the words we speak.

Jeremy T. Medina

I am still waiting for someone to write on the mathematical side. For today, let me share this conversation of two mathematics majors which I heard in a pizza place during my junior year abroad.

A: I feel that I have not learned anything because I think math is an artificial system of thoughts.
B: Oh, really? Actually, I am feeling the opposite way. The more I study math, the more I think math is there to be discovered, like the principle of universe.
A: Well, let me hear your opinion after you read Wittgenstein.

I left the pizza house with a mixed feeling about the decision not to major in mathematics that I made two years ago as well as this person's reading of Wittgenstein.

Let me hear your opinion on the topic after your reading. Or if you would like to contribute for the mathematics or science side, your contribution will be more than welcomed.

Eiko Tsunematsu

The United States, the United Nations and the new world order

In passing from the Cold War to the present, the old alliances of east and west have traded the angst of doomsday for the complexity of community living. The bipolar structure of the Cold War prevented the establishment of any universal security consensus, and the demise of communism has left the U.S without any powerful trans-national ideological competition. The change from worldwide bipolarity to a unipolar system has left the U.S as the only surviving superpower. Although the U.S. is militarily supreme, it should not act independently by avoiding the role of world policeman. International security must be perceived as a shared belief of the majority of the nation-states within the context of international organizations such as the United Nations.

The problem continues at the political and conceptual basis for continued U.S. security, since public support for military intervention within the U.S. has declined. Unlike the nuclear and ideological opposition to the former Soviet Union, the current global security concerns are geographically and culturally diffuse. In order for the U.S. to proceed beyond the narrow calculations of national interests and to meet the political challenges of global security in the post Cold War era, a new international security system should be established in order to preserve global security. One might argue that security for the many is security for the whole, which requires the preservation of the United Nations.

On the other hand, some might ask what is the American national interest in promoting a new world order? Why not put America first? After all, it is generally accepted that the country faces a number of serious domestic problems.

Before answering the above question, one should be aware of the false debate that is currently ragging between domestic and foreign needs. In a world of transnational interdependence the discussion between domestic and foreign policy becomes blurred. The real choice Americans face is not between domestic and foreign policy, but between consumption and investment. The fact is that America has the wallet but doesn't have the will. The United States spends about 31 percent of GNP on government at all levels, while most European countries spend closer to 40 percent.

It seems the U.S. is a rich coun-

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GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

try that acts poor. For instance, America's U.N. dues always fall behind, and many countries see this as proof of U.S. hyprocrisy. A number of countries cite the relatively low levels of U.S. aid in questioning America's commitment to world order and stability. The American economy could afford to spare a few more percentage points of gross national product to invest at home while helping to maintain global order.

Still, some might ask why America should spend anything on international order? The simple answer is that in a world of growing interdependence, international disorder can hurt, influence or disturb the majority of people living in the United States: A nuclear weapon sold or stolen from the former Soviet Union could be brought into the United States, chaos in the Middle East could sustain terrorists who threaten American travelers abroad, and a Latin American country's inability to control drugs could lead to a larger flow of drugs across the U.S. border. With more than 10 percent of the U.S. gross national product exported, American jobs depend upon international economic conditions. If the rest of the world is mired in chaos, and governments are too weak to deal with their parts of the problem, the U.S. government will not be able to solve such problems alone.

Conversely, the world community should not leave the task of world order to the United states. The United Nations should play the role of impartial arbitrator while working towards a positive development in human society with the largest possible support of its member-states.

At the same time, the United States--by far the largest member of the U.N.--should participate in all large scale U.N. efforts, even if U.S interests are not at stake. It isof supreme importance that the U.S. avoid undertaking independent "police actions" by consulting the Security Council when major interventions are necessary. The end of the Cold War and the collapse of communism does not necessarily imply that major powers such as China, Great Britain, France and Russia have no right to a voice in the new world order.

International community can only be perceived by the shared belief of a growing majority of nation-states. International laws and institutions, such as the Charter and the organizations of the United Nations, are necessary for the arbitrations of relations between states. Among the nations of the world, however, differences will continue to arise over the substance of common principles, as well as the role and authority of a major power in enforcing and protecting these principles. Nevertheless, there must be no major challenge to the fundamental premise that in order for global security cooperation to work in the so-called "New World Order," stronger standards are needed to promote global security, and more forceful institutions are essential to compel it.

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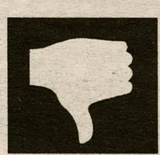
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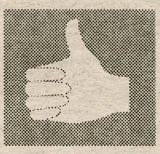
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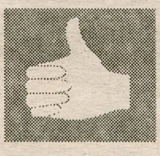
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LECTURES

Friday: At 4 pm, in Schambach 108, there will be a symposium on **"Schubert: His Songs and His Time"** given by Robert G. Hopkins, Associate Prof. of Music; Alfred H. Kelly, Edgar B. Graves, Prof. of History; Joseph T. Malloy, Associate Prof. of German.

Monday: Aurora Levins, author of *Remedios*, will give a reading called **"Medicine Stories: Women, Resistance, and Healing"** at 8 pm in the Red Pit. Sponsored by a wide array of campus organizations.

Wednesday: Barbara Gold, Classics Dept., and Steve Orvis, Government Dept., will lead a follow up discussion of Carl Rubino's **"Is There a Feminist Pedagogy for Men?"**. This is part of the Kirkland Project Brown Bag and will be at noon in the ELS Common Room.

Thursday: At 4:30 pm, in Dwight Lounge, Rickie Solinger, historian, will speak on **"Pregnancy and Power: Women's Struggle Over Time."** A reception will follow in Emerson Gallery. Sponsored by the Emerson Gallery.

FILM

A Time to Kill: When Tanya Hailey, an innocent little African-American girl, is raped and beaten by two beer-guzzling rednecks, the town of Canton, Mississippi is shocked. Her father, Carl Lee Hailey (Samuel L. Jackson) is outraged, and figuring he could not see those boys set free, decides to take justice into his own

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hands and kills them in the courthouse, in front of numerous witnesses. Now, it up to Jake Brigance (Matthew McConaughey) to get Carl Lee off the hook. He has people that help him, (Oliver Platt, Sandra Bullock, Donald Sutherland) but he is up against tough D.A. Rufus Buckley (Kevin Spacey). Will he be able to prove that a black man can get a fair trial in Mississippi? In K-J Auditorium, Friday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10 p.m.

ARTS

Friday: Lisa Link will give a **"gallery talk"** about her exhibit in Emerson Gallery at 4:30 p.m. in the Gallery.

Friday: At 8 pm in Wellin Hall there will be a **Faculty Concert** to start off the Franz Schubert Bicentennial Weekend. Sponsored by the Music Department.

Saturday: Enjoy a **workshop at the Gallery** with Lisa Link from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration at the Gallery is required.

Saturday: Malcolm Bilson will be performing an all-Schubert program on forte piano at 8 pm in Wellin Hall. Sponsored by the Music Department.

Sunday: As part of MAHAS, the **Syracuse Symphony Orchestra** will perform Schubert's Symphony No. 4 in C Minor, D 417, The Tragic Symphony. Richard Strauss's Sprach Zarathustra. This will be at 3 pm in Wellin Hall. Sponsored by the Department of Music.

CHECK IT OUT

Saturday: 80's Enough will perform at 9 pm in the Events Barn. Sponsored by CAB.

Thursday: At 8 pm in the Events Barn there will be a **Jazz Concert**, sponsored by BLSU.

Thursday: The **Better Education Today Association** is hosting its first ever **Open Mike** from 10:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. in the BETA House (formerly Sigma Phi). Interested parties should contact Matt at x1814 or Ashok at 841-4198. Come out and support Hamilton's newest organization.

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AQUARIUS
(JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 19)

Try someting crazy this week. For instance, you could dye your hair purple! This may seem a bit rash, but it will pay off in the future, trust me. Your lucky gum is: Bazooka Joe.

PISCES
(FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 20)

While new experiences last week may have left you a bit sore, there is no need to worry. You have finally crossed that line and have become a new person. Your lucky medical drug is: Preparation-H.

AFIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 20)

Don't stress, Aries, what you've been searching for is near. Sometimes we overlook what usually is the most obvious solution, so relax. Your lucky music group is: NKOTB.

TAURUS
(APRIL 21-MAY 21)

I have a bad feeling about this upcoming week, Taurus. I predict that your fridge may break down and cause your Old Mill to skunk. I suggest that you ask a friend if you can use some of their shelf space. Your lucky picnic accessory is: An Igloo cooler.

GEMINI
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Let your creative side make you famous. Peanut butter bagels have never been made before, you should try your luck with this radical new flavor. Your lucky movie is: Better Off Dead.

CANCER
(JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Spend time with friends this week. I foresee a lot of work in your future that will take up all of your free time. Your lucky number is: 60.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUGUST 23)

Try to open up some this week. People want to get to know you but you have not been easy to talk to recently. Your lucky sport is: Lawn Bowling.

VIRGO
(AUGUST 24-SEPTEMBER 23)

You have not caught the attention of your professors yet. I suggest that you wear a rainbow colored afro-wig to class. Your lucky TV show is: The $10,000 Pyramid.

LIBRA
(SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 23)

You've been hiding your true feelings for that special someone for too long. You should try a little bag of donuts to fulfill your needs. Your lucky song: It's Raining Men.

SCORPIO
(OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 22)

Try to get out more this week, even if that means every night. It's still early in the semester, and a little fun never hurt anyone. Your lucky hangout spot is: A keg line.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 21)

Things not going your way? Try throwing some Bee Gees on your stereo and throwing a disco party. Don't forget the polyester and butterfly collars. Your lucky colors are: Anything neon.

CAPRICORN
(DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 20)

Jealousy is leading you down the wrong road. You need to realize that what you have is enough. Your lucky TV show is: Fat Albert.

MOVIES IN REVIEW

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GRIDLOCK'D

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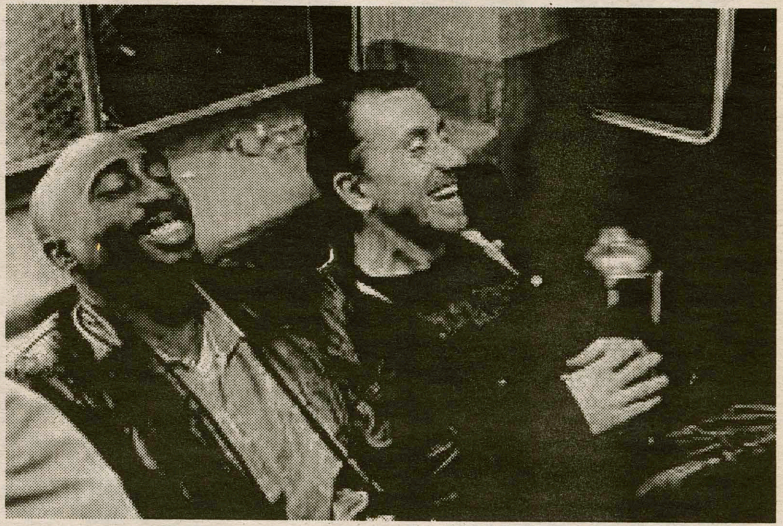
BY KATHY HESS '99
EDITORIAL CARTOONIST



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Spoon and Stretch (Tupac Shakur and Tim Roth) in *Gridlock'd*.

It is very hard to make an entertaining movie that shows lower class drug addicts trying to get off the street and into rehab. It becomes even harder when one of the actors dies in real life, under circumstances close enough to the plot of the movie that the audience squirms.

Gridlock'd overcomes more thanthose two hurdles: it's a damn good flick. It's like a Quentin Tarantino (*Pulp Fiction, Reservoir Dogs*) movie without the obnoxious pretension, or a Terry Gilliam (*The Fisher King, 12 Monkeys*) film without the surreal additions.

Gridlock'd is a funny, squeamish, and thought provoking look at what happens after the decision to kick a drug habit is made by people who Betty Ford's arms aren't open to.

The main characters are players in a poetry reading jazz band. Spoon (Tupac Shakur; *Poetic Justice*) is the bass player, and the dominant personality of the group. He has the conscious and the philosophical intelligence. Stretch (Tim Roth; *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead, Pulp Fiction*), on keyboards, means well but makes many bad decisions that cause trouble. Cookie (Thandie Newton) is the singer, a vegetarian health nut who smokes cigarettes except for the one time she takes and overdoses on dope.

Spoon and Stretch drag her to the hospital because no ambulance will come, no taxi will take them. They fill out forms and are almost refused care for not having insurance. The plot starts on a bureaucratic note and stays there. One of the things that is remembered consistently in the movie is that the characters have no money, and that because of that there are certain things that they will never be able to do or get.

What carries the movie is the conversation. Stretch and Spoon are not intellectual giants, they don't speak in couplets, but the script is written showing that it is moments of stress that the most true, bizarre, or funny decisions and comments are made. The characters are very comfortable with one another and each other's lifestyles, so nothing is held back.

The friendships allow and depend on humility. Spoon (and Stretch soon after) are going to quit their drug habit, because of what they have seen happen with Cookie. As Spoon puts it, "Lately I feel like my luck's been running out."

The two men set out to go into a government funded rehab program, and learn the run-around. The main characters, however, do not go unchecked in their belief that they should get therapy right away.

How can a welfare system drop everything to help two people? In many movies, four letter words would prevail and the men would be in rehab by sundown (all the other junkies went home) or they would fight the good fight on their own and survive by the skin of their teeth, or die heroic tragic deaths. This movie is cool because that doesn't happen. These are guys who believed the luck would never leave, and it did. Adolescent immortality gets a wake-up call.

Character actors have a big role in the film because most of it is spent with Stretch and Spoon in offices that look like the DMV, but about ten times worse. So the people around them get a spotlight, and sometimes this is not pretty. The people who work and go to the departments portrayed are extremely REAL looking people.

Tall, short, fat, thin, ugly, beautiful, tasteful, tasteless, every race, every color, and every creed is portrayed in a constant parade of the reality of city life. Two cool minor characters are the blind man (Howard Hessman; *Head of the Class, WKRP in Cincinnati*), and the ER nurse (Elizabeth Pena) who hates Stretch and Spoon.

The humor of the film is self depreciating. Laughs are caused by sympathy with the pathetic nature of what is going on. Vondi Curtis Hall (director/writer: used to act on *Chicago Hope*) does an awesome job as making the grotesque fascinating in way that is not shining a light on a freak show.

The squeamish will not enjoy the film. Language alone gave it an R rating. Graphic drug use, violence, and "adult themes" kept it there, in a gritty, funny film with a good conscience.

Hamilton to host Franz Schubert festival
Malcolm Bilson, Syracuse Orchestra to perform

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The Hamilton College Department of Music presents a Bicentennial Weekend Celebration of Franz Schubert. Included in the weekend activities will be a faculty and student concert of Friday, February 7, at 8 p.m.; an all Schubert performance by fortepianist Malcolm Bilson, Saturday, February 8, at 8 p.m.; and the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra Sunday, February 9, at 3 p.m.

All performances will take place in Wellin Hall of the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts. Admission to the faculty/student and Bilson concert is free. Tickets for the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra performance are $15 for the general public and $5 for students.

As the Frederick J. Whitman Professor of Music at Cornell University, Bilson directs keyboard studies in the 18th Century historical performance practice. For over two decades he has been in the forefront of the period instrument movement.

Performing on replicas and original five-octave late 18th century pianos, he sparked the return of fortepiano to the concert stage. He has presented Schubert evenings in New York and Europe, and has toured extensively with major early instrument orchestras. He will perform Sonata in A Major, Opus 90 #4; and Sonata in A minor, Opus 42.

The ARTS at Hamilton College

The Syracuse Symphony, under the direction of Fabio Mechetti, will perform Schubert's Symphony No. 4 in C minor (*The Tragic Symphony*) and Richard Strauss' *Also Sprach Zarathustra*. Their concert is the final performance in the 1996-1997 Music at Hamilton Artist Series.

The weekend will also include a symposium, *Schubert; His Songs and His Time*, on Friday, February 7, at 4 p.m. in room 108 of the Schambach Center. Symposium panelists include Robert Hopkins, professor of music; Edgar Graves, the Alfred H. Kelly Professor of History; and Joseph Malloy, professor of German. Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information call the Hamilton Department of Music at (315) 859-4331.

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Pianist Malcolm Bilson will perform two Schubert Sonatas this Saturday in Wellin Hall as part of the weekend festivities.

Emerson Gallery features two installations in reproductive rights exhibit

Solinger's 'Wake Up Little Susie' and Link's 'Warnings' featured together

By Christian Tico '00
A & E Writer

The combined exhibits of "Wake Up Little Susie" and "Warnings" may just be the most controversial one-two punch to ever hit Hamilton College as far as the Emerson Gallery is concerned. Albeit, we do live in a fairly liberal campus situation. However, an emotionally charged issue such as abortion is bound to get people (friends, even) embroiled in heated debates concerning the morality of killing a fetus and the rights of women to control their own bodies.

Of course, there are no easy answers to either of these questions, at least none that both sides can agree on with any certainty. Because of these inherent misunderstandings between right-to-lifers and pro-choicers, a political and social stalemate is likely to persist indefinitely, regardless of any laws passed for or against the act of prematurely terminating a pregnancy.

What the two featured exhibits do, then, is not necessarily add new animosity to the issue (there's enough of that already going around) but illustrate the truth of what happened before Roe v. Wade and during Nazi Germany, respectively. By enlightening both the critics of method and those who champion it (both in principle and application), the artists seek to go beyond media hype or religious/political propaganda to the heart of this very serious and much debated issue.

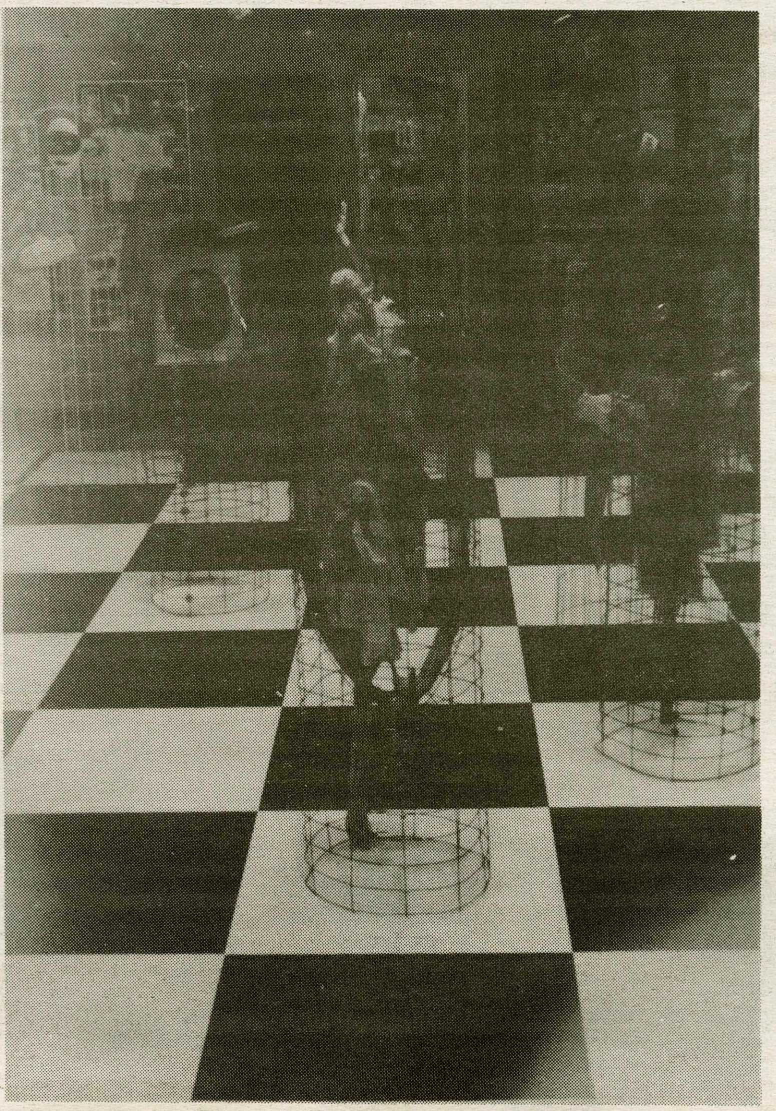
The first installation, "Wake Up Little Susie", mixes sparsely decorated wire "chess pieces" along with mixed media collages on the wall further describing the significance of each piece. The large chess board (which one is encouraged to walk on so long as they remove their shoes) is really meant as a metaphor for life, with each figure representing an individual character involved in the issue such as White Aborted Woman (Pawn) and Judge (Queen).

Other interesting game pieces include the "population bomb" of the urban ghettoes, depicted as a black castle overflowing with dolls spray-painted black, and the All American White Male (Knight) who is adorned with extra-large condoms and cigars.

These latter two examples are perfect illustrations of the sense of tongue-in-cheek satire which pervades the show but never to the point of trivializing the gravity of the issue itself. The three artists who collaborated with women's rights historian Rickie Solinger, who wrote the book *Wake Up Little Susie* about the struggles women had to endure before abortion was legalized, attempt to criticize the oppressive social structure which ensured the suffering of so many unwilling single mothers by tearing at the institutions which sought to oppress them by controlling their reproductive habits.

"Warnings," by Lisa Link includes computer-montage posters and a video component. It focuses on contemporary threats to women's reproductive freedom. Link was inspired by the Supreme Court's 1989 Webster vs. R.H.S. decision, and the acts of violence on women's health clinics over the last several years. Her work is viscerally direct in the tradition of political poster art.

Some who saw the show absolutely loved it and offered nothing but praise for this empowering and highly informative display. Others were adamant in denouncing "fetucide," but they were in the minority. Most had only positive things to say about the show, as they realize that this is a Democratic nation where people have certain liberties which nobody has the right to prevent them from exercising.



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The giant chessboard which is part of the two reproductive rights exhibit. Artist Lisa Link will present a gallery talk on Friday and workshop on Saturday afternoon in the gallery.

So, my question and the question beckoned by the two artworks is: why should anyone leny a supposedly free American adult, capable of making sensible decisions by herself, the chance to choose her fate and that of the creation of her womb? The baby belongs no more to the state than it does to God...it is not fetuses who worship and believe in God, but people.

If we are not careful about how we approach this highly sensitive issue, we might be in danger of reverting to erroneous past ways such as those of Nazi Germany, as Lisa Link's "Warnings" clearly alludes to.

The bottom line is that people will continue to have promiscuous unprotected sex; rape and incest will always occur and poverty will undercut the integrity of the American family structure. These are the real problems, not abortion. Abortion is part of the solution.

For now, until the real evils of the world are dealt with, it is the best route for many desperate women, one that should not be eliminated due to ideological differences. "Wake Up Little Susie" and "Warnings" successfully bring this message home.

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	Men's Hockey	Women's Hockey	Men's Hoops	Women's Hoops	Women's Squash	Men's Squash	Swimming and Diving	Track and Field
Fri. Feb 7	Southern Maine 7 pm		Rensselaer 6 pm	Rensselaer 4 pm				
Sat. Feb 8	Salem Sate 3 pm	UCONN 4 pm	Tufts 4 pm	Tufts 2 pm		Vassar 1 pm	Rennselaer 1 pm	UCAA 11 am
Sun. Feb 9		Wesleyan 1 pm						
Mon. Feb 10								
Tues. Feb 11			Skidmore 8 pm	Skidmore 6 pm				
Wed. Feb 12		Skidmore 8 pm						
Thur. Feb 13								
Fri. Feb 14	AIC 7 pm		Union 8 pm	Union 6 pm	Howe Cup@ Yale TBA			

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Indicates Away Game

Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly handsome Sports Editors, Damon and Jeff, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator.*

Specially Selected Sporting Events	Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer *Sports Editor* (Last Week: 5-6, To date: 13-10)	Jeff Goralnick *Spectator Sports Editor* (Last Week: 4-7, To date: 13-10)	Elliott Nix *Associate Sports Editor* (Last Week: 5-6, To date: 13-10)	Frank Hillmann Junior *Guest #5* (Last Week's Guest: The Fat Men 5-6)	Tip Fleming Sophomore *Guest #6* (Last Week's Guest: Adam Hirshfield 4-7)
NHL					
Florida at NewJersey 2/7	Florida	New Jersey	New Jersey	Florida	Florida
Detroit at Pittsburgh 2/8	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Detroit	Pittsburgh	Detroit
Chicago at Colorado 2/8	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado
NY Rangers at Florida 2/8	NY Rangers	NY Rangers	NY Rangers	NY Rangers	NY Rangers
NBA					
East vs. West 2/9	East	West	East	East	East
Charlotte at Chicago 2/11	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
Orlando at Detroit 2/12	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit
Boston at Pheonix 2/12	Pheonix	Boston	Boston	Pheonix	Pheonix
NCAA Basketball					
Georgetown at Syracuse 2/8	Georgetown	Georgetown	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse
Clemson at Wake Forest 2/12	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest
Connecticut at Boston College 2/12	Boston College	Boston College	Connecticut	Boston College	Boston College
Virginia at North Carolina 2/12	North Carolina	North Carolina	Virginia	North Carolina	Virginia

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A week in review

Jason Santarcangelo

From The Front Office

Milestones...

Several NHL Hall of Famers to-be have achieved milestones on the ice. Boston Bruin immortal **Ray Borque** scored the game winning goal against the Tampa Bay Lightning this past Saturday to move ahead of Hall of Famer **Johnny Bucyk** on the all time point scoring list. In eighteen years, the Bruin Captain has managed to record 1,343 points. Borque accomplished the feat in his 1,264th game, 172 games faster than Bucyk. Long time NHL coach **Scotty Bowman**, who began coaching in 1967, is one win short of recording his 1000th behind the bench. With his name etched in Lord Stanley's cup six times, Bowman will find his way to Toronto soon enough. Bowman's closest competition is retired Islander coach **Al Arbour** who recorded 781 wins. **Mario Lemieux**, in what many expect to be his final season in the NHL, recorded his 600th goal. Number 66, with two cups already in hand is searching for his third with the Northeast leading Pittsburgh Penguins.

Is it one in a million?

Ex-SUNY Albany student and soccer player **Lance Alstodt** was presented with an opportunity to kick a 35 yard field goal at half-time of the Pro Bowl in Honolulu. Seems like an unbelievable amount of pressure, right? Up until Lance's successful kick no one has ever cashed in on a million dollar challenge (3-point shot, putt, or kick). With a cool million dollars soaring through the air heading between the pipes, Alstodt started his own Hula Dance. He had found a way to block out everything, the crowd and most importantly the pressure. It still remains to be seen if Hershey's (the kick's sponsor) or any other company will continue these one in a million contests, but you can be certain the investment banker is eating Hershey's, wearing Reebok and drinking Pepsi.

Third time's a charm...

Sixteen year-old tennis phenome **Martina Hingis** captured her third straight WTA tournament of the year this past week when **Steffi Graf** was forced to retire with a knee injury. With the Pan Pacific trophy and $150,000 check in hand, Hingis appears ready to become the next queen of tennis.

If you have ever bowled you are aware of how hard it is to get a strike, let alone ten in row. It is a magnificent feat to bowl a 300. But what about three 300's in a row. It had never been accomplished in sanctioned play until 20 year-old **Jeremy Sonnenfeld** turned the trick. The University of Nebraska student rolled the 900 series in Omaha.

Two Sports, One Athlete...

In a move popularized by **Bo Jackson** in the 1980's, **Deion Sanders** will again try his hand at both baseball and football. After becoming a regular two-way starter for the Dallas Cowboys, Sanders re-signed with the Cincinnati Reds. Sanders' contract binds him to the Reds until they are eliminated from playoff contention. While financial terms were not disclosed **Jerry Jones** must be fuming. Primetime could be unavailable for the Cowboys early season schedule if the Reds are in contention. Jones expects Sanders to be wearing number 22 for the Cowboys full sixteen game schedule. Splitting time between two sports could possibly mean the star athlete will be nothing more than average. One thing we can count on is more Nike commercials featuring baseball bats and football helmets and Deion in the middle.

Be all you can be...

In the US Marine Corps? Former heavyweight champion **Riddick Bowe** has enlisted in the US Marine Corps and will soon begin the intense 12-week recruit training at Paris Island, SC. Bowe said in a news conference he is following his heart. "It is something I always wanted to do." Three other former heavyweights have joined the Marine Corps and served on active duty, **Gene Tuney**, **Leon Spinks** and **Ken Norton**. Bowe who was badly beaten by unknown **Andrew Golota** before winning on a low blow disqualification is simply running out of the ring and hiding. Maybe Bowe's drill sergeant will help him shape up his act, lose some weight, and return to the ring with a fierce desire to win that has not been present in his recent fights.

Tiger Who?

If it seems unreal it almost is. Enormous galleries and even bigger TV audiences follow **Tiger Woods**. His play this past week seems to show what he is capable of. After two rounds it appeared as if the pressure of playing at Pebble Beach with actor **Kevin Costner** had gotten the better of Woods. He was ten strokes off the lead in 50th place, he barely made the cut. Then bada-bing, bada-boom—Woods exploded for a third round of 62. Amazingly Tiger was in striking distance of leader **David Duval**. Duval cracked on Sunday, but **Mark O'Meara** did not. He responded to Woods' birdies on 16, 17, and 18 with two of his own on 16 and 17 to carry a two stroke lead into the 18th. If Woods' 185 yard seven iron on the 17th wasn't enough, Tiger reached the par five 18th in two with an amazing 267 yard three wood. As I sat and watched in amazement, Woods nearly missed the eagle putt to send the tournament into a playoff. O'Meara clawed his way through Tiger's Den and held on. Moments in sports history such as this are the ones we cherish forever.

More amazing than Woods' great golfing ability is his charismatic personality. Woods has improved the game for the average fan, elevated the play of his fellow golfers and provided a ray of hope for those who thought golf was only for the elite. Even though Woods will not win every tournament, he has already improved the game of golf. Watch out Augusta, there's a Tiger on the prowl!

Neon Deion Sanders signs with Reds after making history

We are going to have to go through that annoying process once again—football pre-game shows are going to key on it—and the biggest question will be the mode of transportation used every week. Helicopters, jets, boats? It doesn't really matter. When the door opens, the sports world's self-appointed Superman will step out fresh off his last game, baseball or football, ready to attempt his juggling act once again.

Last week, Deion Sanders re-signed with the Cincinnati Reds in hopes of making a return to the World Series. Neon Deion is the only athlete ever to play in both the Super Bowl and the World Series. It has been two years since he swung a bat, ending his duel career after a short stay with the San Francisco Giants. He just finished the second season of a seven year deal with the Dallas Cowboys that pays him $35 million. The question looms, why has Deion Sanders returned to a schedule that has already caused so much speculation?

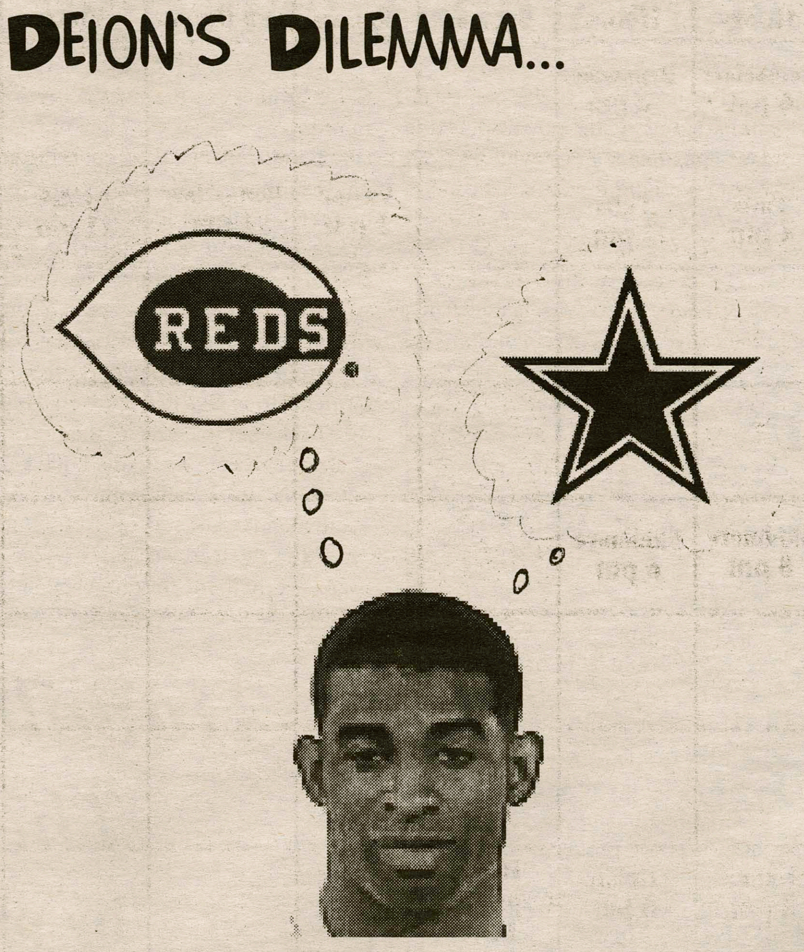
TIM BOOTH
THE ABSURD TRUTH

No one can doubt Deion's talent. He is simply one of the most amazing athletes of his generation. Money is definitely not the issue. Sanders already has more money than he knows what to do with. So then why? The answer is simple - the spotlight is Deion's umbilical cord. Without it, he just doesn't seem to be able to survive. The negative attention that surrounded the Cowboys this season has absorbed a good deal of the team's press. Any attention that has been reserved has usually been quite negative. Sanders must have been starting to suffocate without his share of hoopla. It was time to shake things up, and why not do it two days before the Pro Bowl that he didn't even attend?

What will happen next season if the Reds are in a pennant chase? Jerry Jones isn't going to feel too keen about letting his $7 million star skip practices and games. In contrast, Deion isn't going to leave his team if they are in contention. I can almost guarantee that this exact debate will be an issue eight months from now. Jones has been surprisingly supportive of the decision, but being the businessman and competitor that he is, it is hard to accept the reality of this front.

Ambition isn't a bad thing. In the sports world, though, ambition doesn't mean a thing. If you are overambitious and fail to produce, you are still a failure. Deion Sanders is a phenomenal athlete, but he isn't a baseball player. He is not destined to achieve his ambitions. Others with more talent have tried before him without producing results. Michael Jordan's baseball career was laughable. Bo Jackson was never given a true chance to prove himself, but many think his duel career was a major reason why he never reached his athletic potential while he was playing. Brian Jordan, former Atlanta Falcon and current St. Louis Cardinal, may have reached the highest level of achievement in two sports. He could become the only athlete ever to be selected to be an All-Star in both sports. His baseball career, though, has only truly blossomed since he gave up football.

In cases of athletes like Brian Jordan, individuals reach and surpass their potential when they focus on one sport. Let's talk about two athletes who became legends only after narrowing their broad sights. John Elway was drafted out of Stanford by the NY Yankees, and spent part of a season playing on their Class A Oneonta team. The numbers he put up were impressive, but he was unhappy with the organization. He later was invited to the Kansas City Royals' spring training camp where he greatly impressed stars like George Brett. In the end though, he decided to go with his heart, and thank God he did. Now Elway is the winningest quarterback ever and a legend. He is one of only five quarterbacks ever to throw for more than 40,000 yards. He reached this level only after he decided to make football his career. Even though it is interesting to think about the kinds of defensive plays he would make playing third base and gunning people out from the corner with a rifle arm, nobody can argue with the decision, because he is simply one of the best football players ever.



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Once upon a time there was a baby faced gamer who played shortstop and third base for the Toronto Blue Jays. He was a fierce competitor, but not a wonderfully talented baseball player. In fact, it was his intensity that carried him. He put his bat and glove away after struggling through parts of a major league season and brought out his Chuck Taylors. A few years later we all would see him battle the Lakers with Bird, McHale, and the Chief. Danny Ainge was a baseball player before he donned the Celtic Green. He, like Elway, followed his heart, and it brought him to the Boston Garden. It is hard to imagine the Celtics of the 80's without Ainge. He has played in more playoff games than any other player in history, besides Kareem. To me, Elway and Ainge represent the athlete who plays way over their head. They have an extra quality which makes them great. That one extra ingredient is gamesmanship, and it's hard to be a gamesman when you are not totally focused on the game.

Deion Sanders is not focused on either football or baseball, and it is going to end up hurting his performance. He has the spotlight back, though, and that's always been important to him. Sanders is insulting football, baseball, and himself by trying to rise to the top of two sports. In the end, he may very well simultaneously sink in both sports. He could find the glory land and a small piece of history like Elway and Ainge before him. Only one man has ever pulled off the balancing act, and Deion Sanders isn't Jim Thorpe.

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ECAC player of the week scores seven goals to lead men's hockey to victory while Conts fight for national bid

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upcoming weekend but he fell just short of his full capabilities in practice and will be forced to sit out on doctor's orders. With Bradley and Heenan gone, Baudo was the lone senior running the show against St. Anselm's on Saturday afternoon.

Joe had three goals, one even-strength, one on the power-play and one short-handed, as well as four assists, as Hamilton cruised to an 8-2 win over St. Anselm. Goaltender Brent Davey made 31 saves to extend his record to 12-1-1, Zac Sweetland added two goals and Chris Baudo had two assists including one to his brother Joe that was poetry in motion.

Baudo opened up the scoring at 15:31 of the first, but St. A's quickly bounced back with a two-on-one break just a minute later. After Baudo's second goal on a beautiful pass from his kid brother Chris, Scott Meyer tipped in a Brian Coakley '99 shot from the blueline to make it 3-1. Grinder Brian Guastella powered his way to the net to shove in the fourth goal, and Zac Sweetland added a power play goal to make the score 5-1 at the end of the second.

After the lead was cut to 5-2 by St. A's early in the third, Sweetland, Joe Baudo and David Webb '98 added goals to put the icing on the cake. The cake was sweet for all the players whose hard work improved the team's record to 13-3-1. Even the injured Jeff Bradley, Gary Heenan, and Darren Johnston '99 were ecstatic with the victory.

The celebration ended, however, on Tuesday when Hamilton lost 3-0 to its travel partner Williams College. Williams won its fifth game in a row with the upset over the Continentals. The Continentals (13-3-1) were ranked #3 in the latest NCAA East poll before the loss earlier in the week, while Williams was ranked eighth in the standings with an 11-7-0 record. Hamilton's record is currently 13-4-1 overall and 9-3-1 in the ECAC East standings. The team is still in third place of their division but surely their national ranking suffered as a result of the loss to Williams. First place Middlebury and second place Norwich travel to Bowdoin and Colby this weekend to face some stiff competition. Look for things to shake up in the standings following Saturday's games.

Fans can listen to the Continentals play Southern Maine at 7:00p.m. Friday and Salem State at 3:00p.m. Saturday on WHCL 88.7fm.

Men's hoops back on track after road losses

By David Sylofski '97
Sports Writer

Hamilton Men's basketball (9-7) rebounded from a tough two weeks on the road with a convincing 76-64 victory over the Utica College Pioneers. The Conts look to build on this win in games at Rensselaer and Tufts this weekend.

Last Tuesday featured a game between two teams looking to end extended losing skids. Utica jumped out to an early 6-0 lead, prompting Coach Murphy to bench the entire starting lineup. Upon their return, the Continentals responded with a 13-2 run. The score favored Hamilton 37-25 at the half, a lead which they would never relinquish.

In the second half, four long range three-point bombs by marksman Kevin Thorpe '98 increased the lead to 64-46 with 8:16 remaining. The Pioneers countered behind two Matt Zehr three-pointers, cutting the difference to 66-61 with just two minutes left. Mike Schantz '99 killed the Utica run with two clutch jump shots. Schantz and Thorpe (6-12 three-pointers) led the Continentals with 20 points apiece while Kevin Larson '97 added 12.

Last weekend, Hamilton traveled to Union and Amherst. Against the Dutchmen, Schantz scored twenty points in the first twelve minutes in a see-saw first half. Union connected on 6 of 11 three-pointers in the half to keep the score close, 42-41 in favor of Hamilton. In the second half, the Continentals could not crack the Dutchmen zone defense and shot just 34% for the session. Union, however, rode the accurate shooting of freshman Bob Groelz to an 84-77 upset victory. For Hamilton, Larson led the way with 28 points and seven rebounds. Schantz added 22 and 11 rebounds.

The following day Hamilton traveled to Amherst to play the 13-2 Lord Jeffs. Amherst went on an early 10-0 run to establish an eight-point lead in the first half. Mike Byrnes '98 hit for 11 points to keep Hamilton close. In the final minutes of the half, a late 12-2 Cont run reduced the deficit to three points, 50-47, at the half.

In the second half, the Lord Jeffs again established an early lead. Hamilton again responded, cutting the lead to three points late in the game. Amherst countered behind two John Pavelski threes as the Lord Jeffs pulled away to a 103-90 win. In defeat, Schantz led Hamilton with 27 points and ten rebounds. Larson added 18, and J. J. Raedts had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

The Continentals play Rensselaer (3-13) and Tufts (9-3) this weekend in games which could prove crucial to an NCAA tournament bid. Hamilton defeated the Engineers 84-60 last semester, but will face an improved team on Friday. Rensselaer is led by center Jason Poselovich (15.4 ppg) and three-point ace Jeff Erker (51.2%). On Saturday, Hamilton faces a Tufts team which has won seven of their last eight. Besides a tough Jumbos team, the Conts must also overcome playing in an 80-year old gym/dungeon. Tufts boasts a balanced scoring team led by Joe Donroe (13.8 ppg) and Brian Skerry (13.0 ppg).

Hamilton goes into this weekend looking to build on the Utica win. As tournament time approaches, the Conts cannot afford more losses. An extended winning streak going into postseason play will certainly prepare this team for tournament success. If the shots drop and the team regains its early season form, the sky is the limit.

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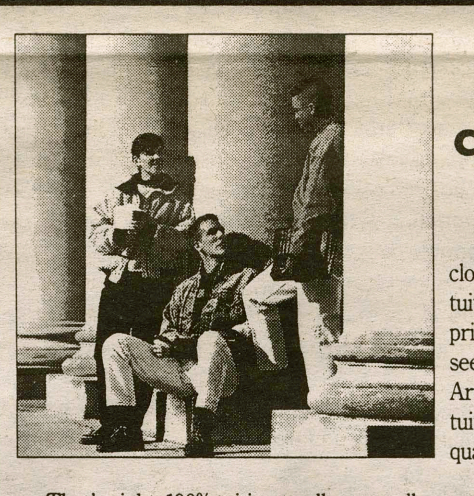

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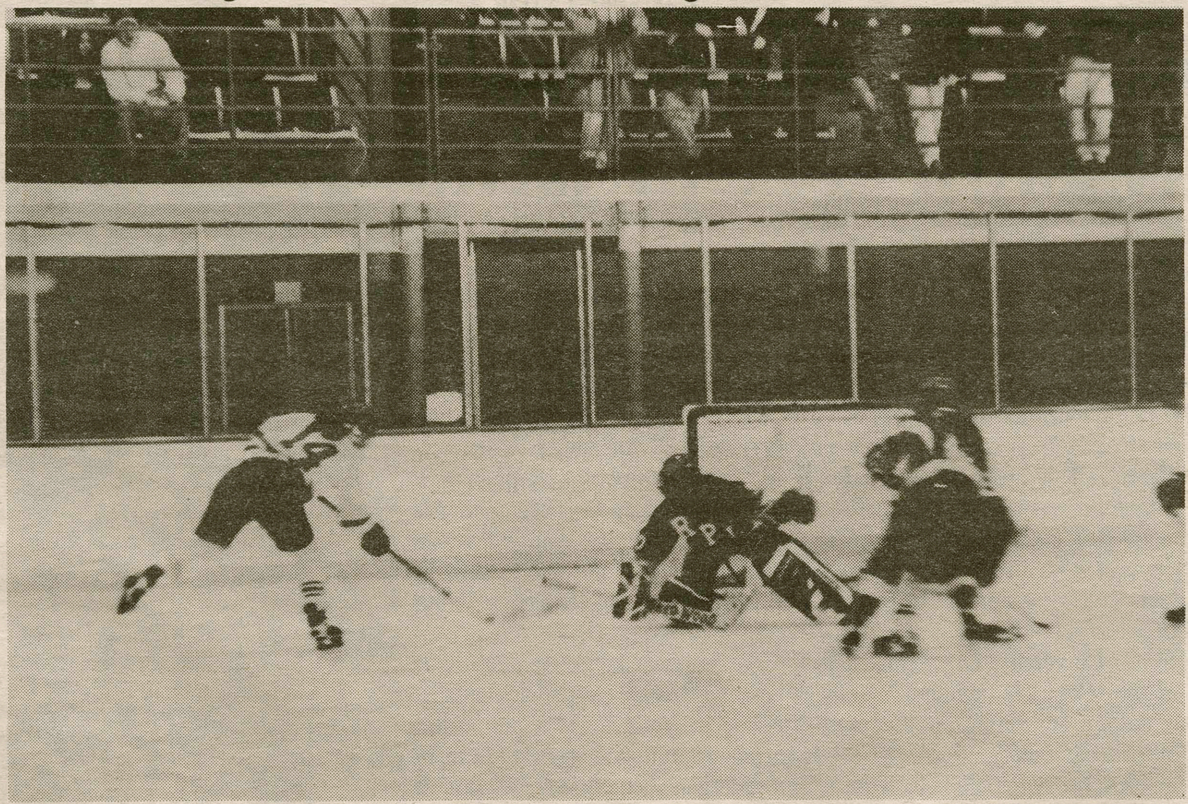
Women's hockey troubled by late season opponents

By Jason M. Santarcangelo '98
Sports Columnist

After a fast start to their inaugural varsity season, the Women's ice hockey team has struggled in ECAC play. The Continentals have had a tough time keeping the puck out of their own net. After allowing only two goals the previous weekend in nonleague play, the defense lapsed at home as opponents found the twine twelve times.

The Continentals now find themselves in third place in the ECAC West after losing to the Tigers of RIT 4-1. After Charlotte Davet '00 opened the game with break away goal at 7:05 of the first period, the Tigers responded with four unanswered goals. Hamilton netminder Isabel Roberts '97 turned away all sixteen shots she faced in the first, and all fifteen shots in the third. It was in the second period that the Continentals faded and the Tigers scored. Roberts managed to turn away 46 of the 50 shots she faced.

In a fierce battle with the Rensselaer Engineers, the Continentals were again unable to keep their opponents off the scoreboard. The Continentals lost the shoot-out 8-6. Sara Begg '97 was the high scorer for Women Continentals with five points, a goal and four assists. Davet lit the lamp twice and added an assist in the losing effort. The loss to the Engineers marked the first time all season that the Continentals had lost two in a row.



Women's hockey rockets one past R.P.I.

PHOTO BY DAVE TOWNSEND '97

The Continentals next traveled to Colgate for an important league showdown. With 13 seconds left in the second period, trailing 2-1, Davet tailed on a sweet pass from Begg to knot the game at 2. At the 3:34 mark of the third period Helen Powers '97 notched the winning goal as the Continentals held on for the 3-2 victory. Roberts lead the victorious effort.

With her two points against Colgate, Davet moved atop the Continentals scoring list with 28 points (20G-8A). Amy Williams '99 is close by with 26 points (13G-13A). Roberts remains the Continentals top netminder with a 7-5 record, 4.38 GAA and .857 save percentage.

This weekend the Continentals travel to the U-Conn. and Wesleyan for two crucial league contests. With a league record of 6-4 and overall record of 8-5 the Continentals are in a must win situation to make the ECAC Alliance playoffs.

Women's basketball on the comeback trail, defeats Union, Russell Sage

By Felicia Holtzman '00
Sports Writer

Women's basketball made a tremendous comeback last weekend when they broke a four game losing streak and won two games on a road trip to Union and Russell Sage College. After beating Union on January 31st by a score of 61-52, the Continentals brought their new enthusiastic spirit to crush Russell Sage the following day in an overwhelming victory, 72-47.

After trailing Union 29-18 in the first half of the game, the Continentals came back in the second half of the game to outscore them 43-23 in the last seven minutes of the game. Hamilton played with genuine intensity, earned the lead, and did not look back. Liz Houghton '99 was the unsung hero of this game, pulling down two rebounds in crucial moments near the end of the game.

Assistant Coach Melissa Hart commented, "Liz got one defensive rebound and one offensive rebound--all out of hustle—after one of our team members shot and missed." This was a key point in the game. Houghton was then fouled and made both of the free throws, putting the Continentals in the lead by five.

Jen Moran '99 also had a great game scoring 23 points. Jessica Levi '97 had 11 rebounds and 14 points to help Hamilton clench the win as well. "We played at a pace and confidence we needed to carry us over to crush Russell Sage," commented Coach Don Crist.

Although Russell Sage is not an exceptionally strong and threatening team, they provided many talented teams with fierce competition this season. The Continentals, however, were able to run past them constantly with one fast break after another. In the 72-47 victory for Hamilton, almost everyone on the entire team scored at least once.

Jessica Levi again lead the team in this game with 17 points and 9 rebounds. Kristen Pabis '97 and Gretchen Randall '97 both played well with 13 and 10 points respectively. Assistant Coach Hart said, "We just ran by them, and stole the ball a lot. Going into this game we had a lot of confidence and that enabled us to continue to keep our moral up and play our hardest the entire game."

On Tuesday, February 4th, the Continentals traveled to William Smith for a second meeting of the season. The undefeated William Smith team came away from the game with another victory, however. William Smith's team is extremely solid this season and the Continentals just couldn't get their offense going. Defensively, the Continentals played well, but they were just unable to score enough to bring the final score of 69-40 up any higher.

This Friday the Continentals are on the road yet again to take on Rensselaer. On December 6, Hamilton played against Rensselaer and lost in a very close game which concluded in a score of 60-56, when Rensselaer edged out the Continentals at the end of the game. This time Hamilton is hopeful of revenge.

On Saturday, the team faces Tufts, which is a team that has had a similar season to the Continentals. Tufts has had an up and down season, with many inconsistencies. After Tufts, the Continentals will face Skidmore, whom the Continentals won against in their last meeting on December 7. Skidmore is probably the most talented and strongest team that the Continentals have beaten. The final score in December was 48-45. The Continentals are confident that they can again come away victorious against Skidmore.

This upcoming road trip will prove to be quite significant for the Continentals. If they win this weekend, they still may end with a successful season.

The players' spirits are up after finally winning some well deserved victories this weekend, which will definitely help them in this weekend's games.

Women's squash has bright future in league with young talent

By Jeff Goralnick '98
Sports Editor

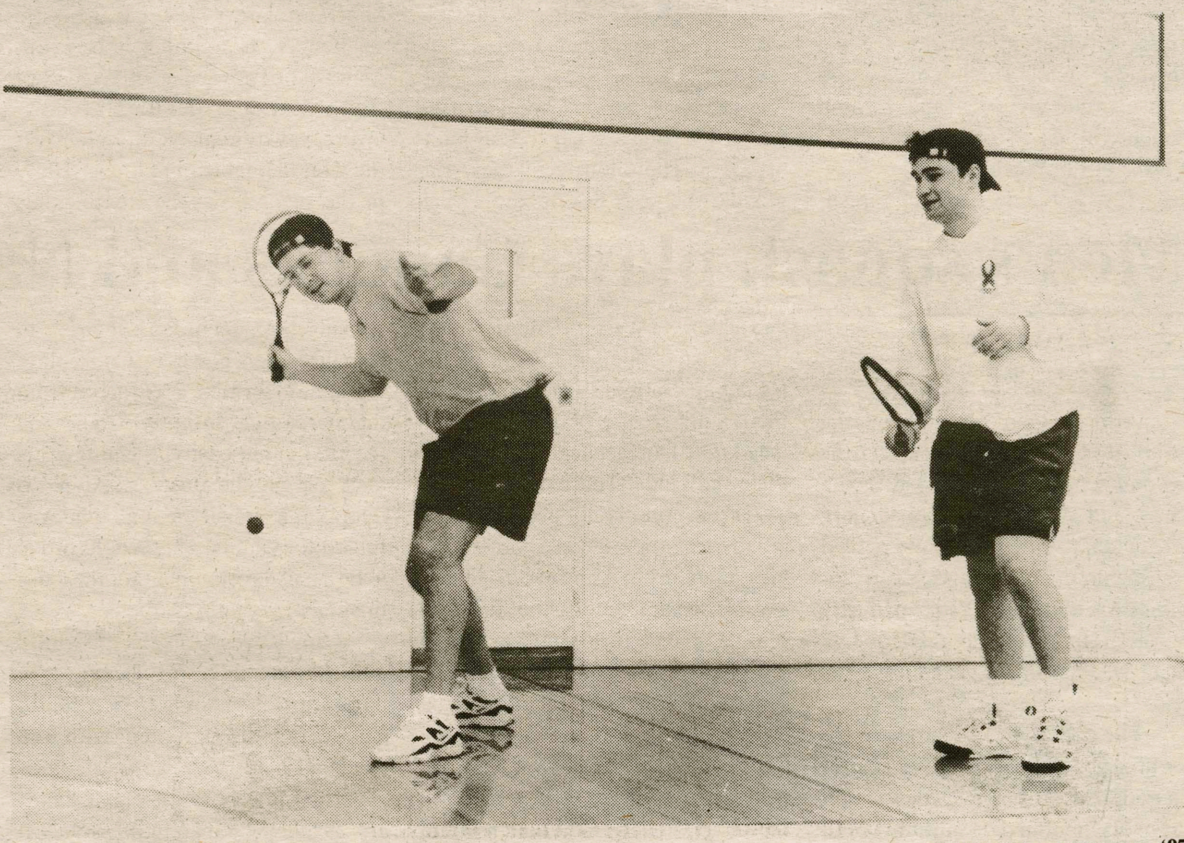
On Valentine's Day weekend, the women's squash team will hardly be concerned with the holiday. They travel to Yale University on Thursday February 13th through the 15th for the Howe Cup, a national tournament. Hamilton will play teams unknown as of yet, but the team is optimistic about the weekend.

The weekend of January 17th, just before the rest of us emerged from our winter break, the Conts traveled to Williams College to compete in the Williams Tournament. Missing their number one player, Sayako Shibizaki '00, Hamilton struggled with the competition. The Continentals dropped the first four of their five matches to Bates (2-7), Middlebury (1-8), Tufts (2-7), and Colby (1-8). However, the Conts would not go home unheard. They took on a strong Smith College, and with the help of Emma McLaren '99, took home a victory. McLaren, playing at number eight, was the only player for Hamilton to win all five of her matches. She currently posts the best win percentage on the team.

On January 30th, Hamilton took on the Red Raiders of Colgate. Colgate had fallen victim to the Continentals earlier in the season, but was able to overcome Hamilton this time around. Hamilton fell 5-4 in a down-to-the-wire, heartbreaking loss.

This past weekend, Hamilton entered the Smith/Mount Holyoke tournament. In their first and second matches, Hamilton showed what they were made of, knocking off Connecticut College 6-3, and crushing Bard 9-0 in a convincing manner. The Continentals were not as happy with the outcome of the second two matches of the weekend, as they were defeated 7-2 by Middlebury and 9-0 by Wesleyan.

In one week, the Continentals will travel to Yale for the Howe Cup. The team is optimistic about their upcoming weekend. As Liz Brecht '99 simply put it, "We have a really good shot at winning this weekend."



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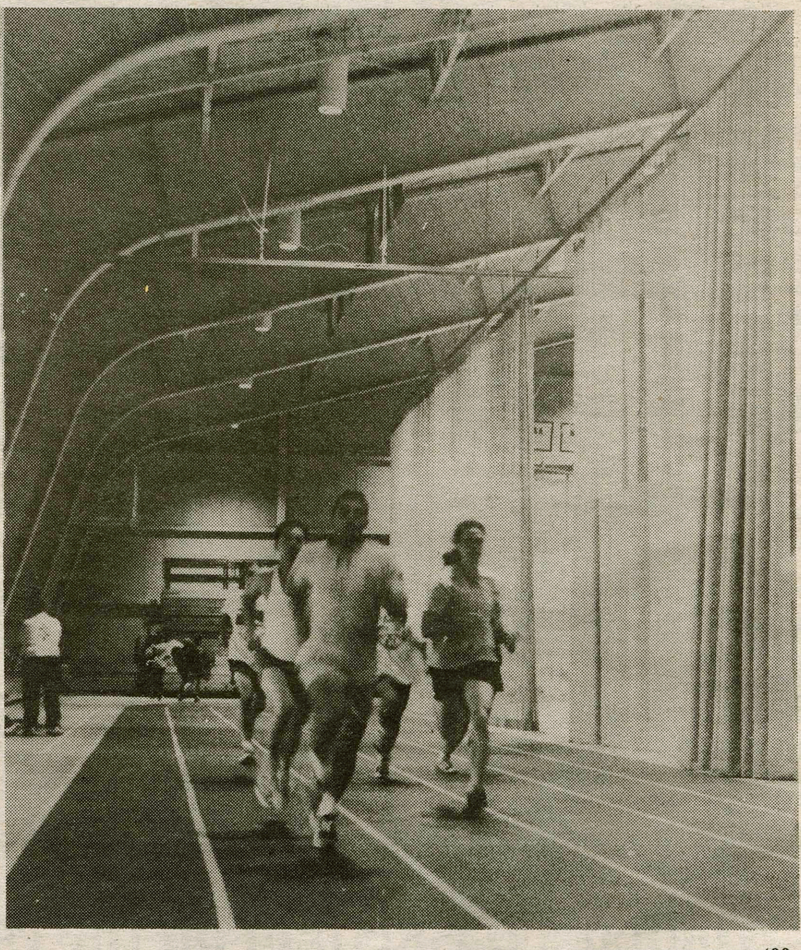
Chris Toomey practices against Steve Keyes before the match against Navy.

SPECTATOR SPORTS

Track races to 7-1 mark; only loss to Division I Canisius



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The track team practices hard for respect in their division.

By Sean Sheehan '97
SPORTS WRITER

Under the tutelage of the husband and wife coaching duo of Brett and Ellen Hull, the Men's and women's indoor track and field teams have had some outstanding individual performances as well as great team success so far this season.

The men's team is off to one of the best starts in school history, boasting a 7-1 dual meet record, falling only to Division I Canisius. Victories include wins over Division I schools Colgate and Marist, and rival Union College.

Much of the team's prosperity is due in part to strong performances by many skilled freshmen. The class of '00 brags the talent and athleticism of Josh Cooper, Waltnel Sosa, Ben Myers, as well as throwers Jeff Needham, Dan Cooney, and Dave Carlinhos.

Not to be outdone by first-years are upperclassmen Captains Tom Capo '97 and Paul Bopp '97 as well as Bob "Tuna" Fish '98, and Joe Woods '99.

Bopp has qualified for the New York State Collegiate Track Conference (NYSCTC) Championship meet at Boston University for the 35 lbs. weight throw. Fish also qualified for the NYSCTC Championships in the shot put. Both also qualified for the East Coast Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championship meet, also at Boston University. Other qualifiers for the NYSCTC included Woods, for the 55m and 200m, and Walt Sosa for the long jump.

On the women's side, Tiffany Chappell '98, Heather Reichhart '99, and Katie Wasilenko '99 have led the team to a record of (4-4). Chappell and Reichhart have qualified for the NYSCTC Championship meet in both the 55m and 200m while Wasilenko will compete in the 1000m. Wasilenko has also earned the right to compete at ECAC's and will accompany Chappell who made the cut in the 200m.

Throwers Ryan Miller '99 and Amy Fortney '00 had impressive outings at Union and the Hamilton Invitational. Miller threw 9.14 meters in the twenty pound weight throw this past Saturday at Colgate. Sarah Singer '00, Jen Byrne '99, Katie McAuliffe '99, and senior captain Brenda McCabe have also been solid contributors.

This weekend, Hamilton will host the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association (UCAA) Championship meet on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 11a.m. in the Margaret Scott Bundy Fieldhouse. Many of the athletes are on the verge of state-qualifying marks and both men and women have a shot at the UCAA crown. If you like watching strength, speed, determination, and your friends, show some school spirit and go raise the roof to support your Continentals on Saturday.

Men's hockey led by shooting of ECAC Player of the Week

Baudo '97 tallies seven points over weekend to earn conference honor

By Dave Andreatta '97
SPORTS WRITER

Assistant captain Joe Baudo '97 has always provided steady play for the Continental Men's hockey team.. As a freshman, Baudo successfully made the transition from forward to defense and managed to lead all defensemen that year with an astonishing 25 points. Not only is that unheard of for a defenseman, but for a freshman breaking into the league it is a milestone. He did not cease to amaze fans the following two years either as he extended his career total points to 68 in just three seasons as a defenseman. This past weekend, however, he outdid himself by scoring seven points in one game and two in another while leading his team to consecutive victories and turning scouts' heads to earn him ECAC Player of the Week honors.

Today, Baudo is on the threshold of another milestone as he and his team travel to Southern Maine and Salem State this weekend. His nine-point stretch put him in contention for the elite 100 Point Club ahead of schedule. At the start of the year, his possibilities for the honor did not look bleak by any means, but it was sure to pose a challenge for the Tonowanda, NY native. He has risen to the challenge this season by controlling the play and setting an example of composure and class while on the ice. Baudo has a career total of 97 points thus far in the season. And should he score just three more points in the next six games the Continentals have scheduled, Baudo will become the second Continental this season to reach the plateau behind Captain Jeff Bradley '97.

Baudo began his point-scoring extravaganza last weekend on January 31 as Hamilton faced New England College. New England's weak hockey tradition has never posed a threat to the Conts in recent years and certainly did not this night either. Hamilton steamrolled their counterparts by seven goals with a final score of 8-1. Brian Grady '00 and Chris Baudo '00 each scored two goals to lead Hamilton to win. Brent Davey '00 made 13 saves in goal to improve his record to 11-1-1 on the year and Rob Rigg '99 added a goal and two assists to beef up his own stats to 28 points.

Hamilton took the lead with a late first period goal by Brian Guastella '98. The Continentals had a hard time putting the puck in the net in the first part of the game as they shellshocked New England's goaltender. Hamilton held New England shotless for the first 19:38 of the first period. After Rigg's follow-up breakaway goal, New England cut the Continental lead to one at 10:39 of the second, but the Continentals answered back with two quick goals by Brian Grady and Chris Baudo. Jeff Bradley and Trevor MacArthur '99 also contributed to the win with one goal each. Assists were credited to Ed Cassin '00 (3), Joe Baudo and Rob Rigg (2 each) with two each, and John Whitwell '98, Scott Meyer '00, Ben Hawn '98, and Bryant Rowean '00 had one apiece.

As sweet as victory was, tragedy struck the Continentals in that game when Hamilton was informed that Captain Jeff Bradley, whose leadership extends beyond the ice to his teammates, will be sidelined for the rest of the regular season with a broken left thumb. The slash that caused the injury occurred early in the game, but Jeff played through the pain and even managed to score a goal. After a physician's examination, Jeff was told he may be back for the playoffs in four weeks. Bradley underwent surgery Sunday morning, a procedure that left Jeff with two steel pins in his thumb to reset and keep his thumb in place.

Team captain gone, enter Assistant captain Joe Baudo. Baudo and Bradley had been picking up the slack in the leadership department for the past three weeks. The Conts had been short-staffed due to a broken arm that Assistant captain Gary Heenan sustained in a game against Wesleyan. Heenan had hoped to be back this upcoming weekend but he fell just

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Men's squash plays Canucks and Navy's finest

By Avery Cook '97
SPORTS WRITER

After a long hiatus from the courts the Squash team opened up the second semester on the road facing Navy and Western Ontario January 24 at Hobart. Navy, currently ranked fourteenth in the country, was wrapping up a long New York road trip. Western Ontario, a perennial top five team, was starting a five match weekend.

The fresh Continentals were looking for the upset on the neutral courts of Hobart, however, they would leave disappointed. Hamilton would lose both matches 9-0. Western Ontario was especially challenging. The match did not start until 9:00p.m. and featured a Western Ontario lineup that boasted three members of the Canadian National team, including their number one player, who finished fourth in last year's Intercollegiate Individual Tournament.

Hamilton did not get much of a breather as they faced another Service Academy in Army early on January 25. This match was not only the season opener for Hamilton, but it was also was a rematch from first semester-a match that Hamilton won 6-3 on strong playing from Avery Cook '97, Ware Sykes '99, Chapman, Rhoads '00, Grant '98, and Fedor Smith '99. However, the match would prove to be a challenge to Hamilton.

Hamilton suffered a set back in the opening matches. Sykes and Rhoads both recorded victories to start the match, however, Cook, playing at number two, was forced from the match due to injury. Cook won the first game easily, but threw his back out in the process. After attempting to finish the match he was forced to default. This would prove to be a bad development for the Continentals.

Only Keyes-Grevelis '99 would win in the remaining matches as Army posted a 6-3 victory. Coach Smith was very "disappointed with the weekend."

Hamilton hosted Colgate January 28 and posted an impressive 9-0 win over the Red Raiders. This was a good win for the Continentals after a hard weekend and especially since Cook was out of the line up with injury.

The Continentals then took on twelfth ranked Hobart on February 1, here on the Hill. However, Hamilton was unable to pull off a win against the tough Hobart team, and fell 8-1, bringing their record to 5-7. Smith was the only Continental player able to pull off a win against Hobart, with a 3-2 victory at the number nine spot. The Continentals travel to Vassar after a one week break on February 15, to take on Bard and Stevens Tech at States.

After a week off, the Continentals will travel to Vassar for States where Coach Smith believes the "strength of the schedule" will be in Hamilton's favor.

Scorecard

Men's Hockey
13-4-1/ 9-3-1

Women's Hockey
8-5-0/ 6-4-0

Men's Basketball
9-7

Women's Basketball
6-11

Men's Squash
5-7

Women's Squash
7-9

Women's Track
4-4

Men's Track
7-1

Women's Swimming
1-3

Men's Swimming
2-2